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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**
2 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010 BEGINS ON PAGE 119.]**

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. IF I COULD GET EVERYONE TO
7 PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEAT, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S
8 MEETING. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR
9 JAVIER MORIN FROM SYCAMORE PARK FOURSQUARE CHURCH. OUR PLEDGE
10 THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY RUBEN TREJO WHO IS COMMANDER OF
11 CHAPTER NO. 39, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. WOULD YOU ALL
12 PLEASE STAND? PASTOR?

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14 **PASTOR JAVIER MORIN:** GOOD MORNING. LET US PRAY. OH GOD, WE'RE
15 ASSEMBLED TOGETHER HERE TODAY AGAIN REPRESENTING YOUR PRECIOUS
16 PEOPLE WITHIN THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, REPRESENTING
17 THOSE RED, YELLOW, BLACK AND WHITE, ALL THOSE THAT ARE
18 PRECIOUS IN YOUR SIGHT. LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GRACIOUS
19 OPPORTUNITY YOU'VE GIVEN THESE FINE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE
20 EVERY ONE OF THOSE PERSONS, WHETHER BLESSED WITH ABUNDANCE OR
21 LACKING, OR IN THE NEED, ALL OF YOUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN IN THE
22 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. LORD, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ASK YOU TO
23 BLESS EVERY SINGLE WONDERFUL MAN AND WOMAN IN THIS OFFICE, IN
24 THIS GOVERNMENT BODY WITH YOUR DIVINE WISDOM TO MAKE THE RIGHT
25 DECISIONS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF YOUR COMMUNITY,



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1 THAT WILL COME UP WITH THE RIGHT DIVINELY INSPIRED IDEAS THAT
2 WILL ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUES
3 AND THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH DAILY. AND, LORD,
4 LET EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HAVE YOUR DIVINE HEART OF GRACE
5 AND COMPASSION TO RESTORE THE RELATIONSHIPS NOT ONLY WITHIN
6 THIS BODY, LORD, BUT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY SERVE.
7 LORD, WE ASK YOU TO ALSO PRESERVE THE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN
8 THIS OFFICE, THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH
9 WHETHER THEY AGREE OR WHETHER THEY DON'T AGREE. AND, LORD,
10 ESPECIALLY PROVIDE A STRONG AND PENETRABLE HEDGE AROUND THOSE
11 SPECIAL, CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THEIR LIVES SO THAT THE
12 STRESSES AND THE HEAVY BURDENS THAT COME WITH THIS ASSIGNMENT
13 WON'T NEGATIVELY AFFECT THOSE WHOM THEY LOVE AND WHOM THEY
14 CHERISH. LORD, KEEP THEIR MINDS CLEAR WITH YOUR DIVINE
15 DIRECTION AND PURPOSE. KEEP THEIR BODIES STRONG AND HEALTHY SO
16 THAT THEY CAN CARRY OUT THE DUTIES IN Q MOW5 EXCELLENT WAY.
17 AND, LORD, WE PRAY FOR THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF
18 LOS ANGELES WHO ARE BEING SERVED THIS DAY BY THESE WONDERFUL
19 PEOPLE, YOUR CHOSEN SERVANTS. THIS IS A DAY THAT YOU'VE MADE.
20 WE WILL START IT OFF TODAY BY THANKING YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO
21 REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT, TO REJOICE AND BE GLAD THAT WE LIVE
22 IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THAT WE LIVE IN THE GREAT
23 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT WE BELONG TO THE PART OF THE
24 COMMUNITY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND, LORD, TOGETHER, EACH
25 AND EVERY ONE OF US IN ONE ACCORD WE ASK THAT YOU BLESS OUR



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1 PRESIDENT, YOU BLESS EVERY PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT, YOU
2 ESPECIALLY BLESS THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED
3 FORCES. BLESS OUR NATION, BLESS OUR WORLD. IN YOUR HOLY
4 GLORIOUS NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

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6 **RUBEN TREJO:** WOULD YOU REMAIN STANDING AND FACE THE FLAG.
7 PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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10 **RUBEN TREJO:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A
13 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND ALSO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO
14 PASTOR JAVIER MORIN. HE IS THE SENIOR PASTOR AT THE SYCAMORE
15 FOURSQUARE CHURCH IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF LOS ANGELES. BEFORE
16 JOINING THE MINISTRY, PASTOR MORIN SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
17 AIR FORCE AND ALSO SERVED AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF
18 TORRANCE FOR OVER 22 YEARS. HE AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY SERVE
19 TOGETHER AT THE CHURCH. THEY MINISTER TO YOUTH, SENIORS AND
20 FAMILIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE CONGREGATION IS DEDICATED TO
21 HELPING STRUGGLING SINGLE MOTHERS, HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND
22 ALL SOURCES OF NEED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO THANK
23 THE PASTOR. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME HE'S JOINED US TO LEAD US
24 IN OUR INVOCATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: IT'S A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE ONCE AGAIN RUBEN TREJO WHO IS FROM PALMDALE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER NO. 39. HE SERVED AS COMMANDER. HE'S A 23 ARMY VETERAN, 23 YEARS, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS. SERVED IN KOREA WITH THE 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE'S A VETERANS' COUNSELOR WITH OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT, MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN AND A GRADUATE OF JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA, AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, SO RUBEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

15

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NO. 3-D, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D ARE BEFORE YOU.

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SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
2 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. WE WILL
9 HOLD THESE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 9, ADMINISTRATIVE
10 MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6 THROUGH 8?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
14 SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 10, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 9
17 THROUGH 14. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO ON
18 THIS ITEM. AND THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
21 SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010. AND-- YES. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
22 THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE. AND
25 ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,



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1 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
2 SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 11, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
5 ITEM NO. 15, AND I WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE
6 RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING TITLE
7 2, ADMINISTRATION, TITLE 5, PERSONNEL AND TITLE 6, SALARIES OF
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO EFFECTUATE THE CONSOLIDATION OF
9 THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S DUTIES AND SECURITY FUNCTIONS
10 INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TO DELETE REFERENCE TO
11 MARSHAL SERVICE IN THE COUNTY CODE. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS ITEM 15?

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
19 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 12, DISCUSSION ITEM. ON ITEM NO.
22 16, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. PAGE 13, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS
24 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE



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1 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM
2 17-A.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED
5 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 17-B, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 17-C IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
15 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
16 SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON 17-D, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS
19 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THAT
20 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
21 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR
24 PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND
2 COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION THIS MORNING,
3 NAMELY THAT OF LIVING LEGENDS. AND LET ME BEGIN WITH A VERY
4 SPECIAL LADY WHO HAS JOINED US THIS MORNING. AND IT IS OUR
5 HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THEM IN TERMS OF THEIR
6 CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTY. BUT TODAY I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO
7 MEET MRS. ROSA CONTRERAS. SHE IS 110 YEARS OLD. [APPLAUSE] IN
8 ALL HER WISDOM, SHE CHOOSES TO RECEIVE SERVICES YET TO THIS
9 VERY DAY HERE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
10 GERIATRICS CLINIC AT THE M.L.K. MULTISERVICE AMBULATORY CARE
11 CENTER. BORN IN THE YEAR 1900 IN A SMALL TOWN IN MEXICO, SHE
12 HAS BEEN A PROUD RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY FOR NEARLY A QUARTER
13 OF A CENTURY, AND SHE SHOWS HER FAITH IN THE QUALITY OF
14 SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, BY
15 BOARDING THE BUS WITH HER FAMILY TO REGULARLY RECEIVE CARE
16 FROM THE STAFF AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING M.A.C.C. MRS.
17 CONTRERAS IS JOINED TODAY BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, MARIA DE LA
18 CRUZ LEON CONTRERAS MARIA DE JESUS CONTRERAS, AND I JUST WANT
19 TO RECOGNIZE DEBRA CHRISTIAN WHO IS AMONG MANY AT THE M.L.K.
20 M.A.C.C. WHO ARE PROVIDING VERY CAPABLE AND COMPETENT CARE TO
21 PATIENTS SUCH AS MRS. CONTRERAS. SO WE WANT TO SAY
22 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. [APPLAUSE.] AND
23 WE WANT TO GIVE A BIG ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO MRS. CONTRERAS FOR
24 REACHING SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT IN HISTORY. SHE'S A
25 HISTORY-MAKER ALL BY HERSELF. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MRS.



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1 CONTRERAS. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. AND THEN WE HAVE WITH US ANOTHER
2 HISTORY MAKER. MR. LEE WESLEY GIBSON. HE'S JOINED US TODAY.
3 EARLIER THIS YEAR HE REACHED THE AGE OF 100. [APPLAUSE.] AND
4 HE WAS RECENTLY IDENTIFIED AS THE OLDEST LIVING PULLMAN PORTER
5 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. A HISTORY MAKER.
6 [APPLAUSE.] BORN IN KEECHI [PH?] LOUISIANA AND LIVED IN TEXAS
7 BEFORE MAKING HIS HOME HERE IN LOS ANGELES AREA AND THAT WAS
8 IN 1935. HE WORKED AS A COACH ATTENDANT FOR THE UNION PACIFIC
9 RAILROAD COMPANY BEGINNING IN 1936 AND HE WAS PROMOTED TO
10 PULLMAN PORTER IN THE 1960S. THE ORIGIN OF THE PULLMAN PORTERS
11 IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PULLMAN PALACE CAR COMPANY, WHICH
12 ORIGINALLY HIRED ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN ATTENDANTS AND WAS MOST
13 FAMOUS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAILROAD SLEEPING CARS. THE
14 BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS, FOUNDED IN 1925, WAS THE
15 FIRST BLACK LABOR UNION AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FIGHT FOR
16 CIVIL RIGHTS. AND SO MR. GIBSON, WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON
17 REACHING A MILESTONE AS A CENTENARIAN AND 100 YEARS OF LIFE
18 AND ON BEING PART OF SUCH A SIGNIFICANT TIME IN THE HISTORY OF
19 THIS NATION. MR. GIBSON, GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
20 [APPLAUSE.] AND, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I WOULD LIKE TO
21 INTRODUCE TO SOME AND PRESENT TO OTHERS ONE WHO MANY OF US
22 KNOW. SHE IS JULIA LEE. MRS. LEE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE AND
23 CIVICALLY ENGAGED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE
24 MAJORITY OF HER 98 YEARS OF LIFE. [APPLAUSE.] SHE HAS
25 PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES,



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1 FUNDRAISING, THE FORMATION OF BLOCK CLUBS AND CONTINUES TO
2 WORK WITH THE HOMELESS, CHILDREN AND SENIORS. SHE HAS BEEN AN
3 ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS' RIGHTS, SERVING AS A LOBBYIST ON THE
4 STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS, AND SHE IS A SENIOR LEGISLATIVE
5 COMMITTEE PERSON FOR A.A.R.P. LOS ANGELES. SHE HAS SHOWN
6 COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE BY CONDUCTING
7 WORKSHOPS FOR THE YOUTH IN HER COMMUNITY TO TEACH THEM
8 GARDENING SKILLS THROUGH HER POSITION AS COORDINATOR OF THE
9 CENTURY FREEWAY GARDENS. AND SHE IS ALSO A LIFETIME MEMBER OF
10 THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE N.A.A.C.P.,
11 AND HAS SERVED AS A TRUSTEE AND BOARD MEMBER FOR MANY
12 ORGANIZATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, SHE HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF
13 MANY AWARDS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES IN RECOGNITION OF HER
14 COMMUNITY SERVICE OVER THE YEARS, AND I'M SIMPLY DELIGHTED TO
15 SEE HER AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE AFFAIRS
16 OF OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS A WHOLE.
17 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MS. JULIA LEE. [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S A TRUE
18 ACTIVIST. SHE BROUGHT SOME PARAPHERNALIA. SHE SAID SHE BROUGHT
19 THIS FOR ME. SHE MADE ME A LITTLE STATEMENT OF THE NEW
20 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BARACK OBAMA. AND SHE SAID "I
21 WANT YOU TO KNOW THERE'S A NEW PRESIDENT." IS THAT RIGHT?
22 THANK YOU. AND SHE MAKES THESE AND EDUCATES YOUNGSTERS ABOUT
23 BEING CIVICALLY INVOLVED. SO GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF
24 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND FOR MR. GIBSON. AND FOR MS.
25 CONTRERAS, OUR LIVING LEGENDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.



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1 [APPLAUSE.] VERY SPECIAL. (SINGING AND CLAPPING.) WHY DON'T WE
2 GIVE THE FAMILY AND CARETAKERS A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE?
3 [APPLAUSE.] WE ALL KNOW THAT FAMILY IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND
4 LOOK AT THESE FAMILY MEMBERS AND CARETAKERS FOR OUR SPECIAL
5 GUESTS THIS MORNING. I THINK THEY OUGHT TO GET ANOTHER BIG,
6 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. CAN'T DO MUCH BETTER THAN THAT. AND WE
7 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING. AND WE
8 WISH YOU GOD'S SPEED.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
11 THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE ANOTHER PRESENTATION.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I APOLOGIZE.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S OKAY. I'M JUST GOING TO STEP RIGHT
18 OVER HERE, WITH YOUR PERMISSION. WE MOVE TO THE OTHER END OF
19 THE CONTINUUM, THE AGE CONTINUUM, MADAME CHAIR, AND WE HAVE A
20 SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO MAKE. I JUST HAVE A QUESTION THAT I
21 THINK ALL OF US WILL APPRECIATE AS OUR SPECIAL GUESTS MAKE
22 THEIR WAY. THERE THEY GO. OKAY. THIS IS ABOUT THE OTHER END OF
23 THE CONTINUUM, AS I SAID. THIS IS A QUESTION: FREEDOM SCHOOL,
24 HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

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1 **SPEAKERS:** FANTASTIC. ALL DAY LONG.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LOOK AT THAT.

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5 **SPEAKER:** WHOA!

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO. THAT'S THE FREEDOM SCHOOL
8 RIGHT THERE, WORKING. [APPLAUSE.] AND THAT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT
9 OF WHAT YOU WILL SEE THIS MORNING. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS YEAR'S FREEDOM SCHOOL LAUNCH IN THE
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PRIOR TO
12 THESE FIVE FREEDOM SCHOOLS COMING FORWARD, THERE'S A FREEDOM
13 SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. THERE'S A FREEDOM SCHOOL IN
14 THE CITY OF PASADENA. AND THEY ARE PART OF THIS MOVEMENT. AND
15 SO WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE CASSANDRA CHASE WITH THE URBAN
16 LIGHTS INITIATIVE, PROJECT DIRECTOR. AND WE HAVE LISA WATSON
17 FROM THE AGAPE SPIRITUAL CENTER. THE REVEREND NORMAN JOHNSON
18 FROM THE FIRST NEW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. THE REVEREND PAUL
19 HILL FROM GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND DEBORAH BRADLEY
20 FROM THE EMPOWERED LIFE DEVELOPMENT CENTER. IT WAS IN 1992,
21 MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THAT THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
22 FREEDOM OF SCHOOLS, THEY BEGAN TO PROVIDE SUMMER AFTER SCHOOL
23 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH A MODEL CURRICULUM
24 WITH FIVE CRITICAL ELEMENTS. HIGH QUALITY AND LITERACY
25 ENRICHMENT, PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT, INTERGENERATIONAL



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1 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION, HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH,
2 AND, FINALLY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL ACTION. THE
3 CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND FREEDOM SCHOOL'S PROGRAM WELCOMES ALL
4 CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF THEIR ETHNICITY, THEIR SOCIOECONOMIC
5 STATUS, THEIR GENDER, THEIR RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION OR ANY OTHER
6 SUCH DESIGNATION. THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY-
7 BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH WE HAVE REFERRED, WITH SCHOOLS,
8 WITH UNIVERSITIES, THE C.D.F. FREEDOM SCHOOLS ARE DEDICATED TO
9 HELPING CHILDREN TO DEVELOP A LOVE OF READING WHILE INCREASING
10 THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE AND GENERATING POSITIVE
11 ATTITUDES TOWARDS LEARNING. C.D.F. FREEDOM SCHOOLS ADDRESS THE
12 QUESTION OF POVERTY AND POOR HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT SO MANY
13 CHILDREN IN THIS NATION FACE. OUR STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT
14 CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE C.D.F. FREEDOM SCHOOLS SCORE
15 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER ON STANDARDIZED READING ACHIEVEMENT TESTS
16 THAN CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT HAD SUCH SUMMER ENRICHMENT
17 PROGRAMS. AND SO THESE SCHOOLS ARE MODELED AFTER THE
18 INTERGENERATIONAL SERVANT LEADERSHIP APPROACH USED DURING THE
19 MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM SUMMER PROJECT OF 1964. AND THESE PROGRAMS
20 COMPLY-- THEY EMPLOY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO FACILITATE A HIGH
21 ENERGY SIX-WEEK SUMMER PROGRAM USING THE INTEGRATED READING
22 CURRICULUM. AND SO THIS SUMMER, OVER 400 SCHOLARS, THESE YOUNG
23 SCHOLARS, WERE INVOLVED IN THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. APPROXIMATELY 200 OF THEM WERE IN THE
25 NEW FREEDOM SCHOOLS, THE FIVE NEW FREEDOM SCHOOLS THAT BEGAN



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1 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND SO EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS
2 CULMINATED THEIR SUMMER PROGRAMS WITH THE THEME OF CIVIC
3 ENGAGEMENT. AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE SUMMER, THEY DO A LOT.
4 COLLECTIVELY THESE YOUNGSTERS READ SOME 80 BOOKS. I SAID 8-0
5 DURING THE SUMMER. [APPLAUSE.] AND I'M ABSOLUTELY PLEASED TO
6 SAY THAT THIS IS PEDAGOGICALLY DEFENSIBLE AS LITERACY-BASED.
7 IT'S FUN AND YOU HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THESE YOUNG
8 PEOPLE. AND SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THEM. WE
9 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND HOW
10 THEY ARE MAKING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR
11 COMMUNITIES AND INDEED THEMSELVES BETTER. AND SO I WANT TO
12 TAKE THIS MOMENT TO PRESENT THESE CERTIFICATES ON BEHALF OF
13 THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE FIVE FREEDOM
14 SCHOOLS THAT ARE ENGAGED WITH IT THIS SUMMER. BEGIN WITH URBAN
15 LIGHTS, WE GIVE YOU A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, THE URBAN LIGHTS
16 INITIATIVE, CASSANDRA CHASE. [APPLAUSE.] AGAPE SPIRITUAL
17 CENTER, MISS LISA WATSON. [APPLAUSE.] FIRST NEW CHRISTIAN
18 FELLOWSHIP, THE REVEREND NORMAN JOHNSON. GRACE UNITED
19 METHODIST, THE REVEREND PAUL HILL. [APPLAUSE.] AND THE
20 EMPOWERED LIFE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, MISS DEBORAH BRADLEY.
21 [APPLAUSE.] AND, MADAME CHAIR, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
22 APPROPRIATE FOR ONE OF THE YOUNG SCHOLARS TO MAKE A FEW
23 COMMENTS. AND IF YOU WOULD DO SO, WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU.
24 COME ON.

25



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1 **DEREK:** MY NAME IS DEREK AND I'M NINE YEARS OLD. MY NAME IS
2 DEREK AND I'M NINE YEARS OLD. AT FREEDOM SCHOOLS, WE CAN BE
3 FREE TO READ BOOKS ABOUT GREAT LEADERS. YESTERDAY, I LEARNED
4 ABOUT RUBY BRIDGES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ SO THAT WE CAN BE
5 EDUCATED, SO THAT ONE DAY WE CAN BE GREAT LEADERS, TOO. IN
6 FREEDOM SCHOOLS, WE DO SOCIAL ACTION MISSION. WE LEARN ABOUT
7 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE. I WANT ALL OF YOU TO HAVE AN ENROLLMENT
8 DRIVE SO THAT ALL THE KIDS IN LOS ANGELES CAN HAVE HEALTH
9 INSURANCE LIKE ME AND MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND CALL THE
10 FREEDOM SCHOOL SCHOLARS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] (SINGING.)

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM ONE OF THE
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, LISA WATSON, TO GIVE A BRIEF WORD ABOUT
14 THE EXPERIENCE AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM OUR YOUNG
15 SCHOLARS. LISA?

16

17 **LISA WATSON:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'D
18 LIKE TO SAY THAT THE C.D.F. FREEDOM SCHOOL WAS SUCH A
19 WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN. AND LIKE THE YOUNG
20 SCHOLAR THAT SHOWED UP HERE TODAY, WE REALIZE THAT NOT ONLY
21 WERE THEY LEARNING HOW TO READ, BUT WE WERE CHANGING THEIR
22 LIVES. I'D LIKE TO SHARE JUST A BRIEF STORY ABOUT CALEB. CALEB
23 WAS ONE OF OUR SCHOLARS THAT SHOWED UP AT THE FREEDOM SCHOOL.
24 HE WAS SHY AND WITHDRAWN. HE WAS A GOOD STUDENT BUT HE HAD A
25 LOT OF THINGS GOING ON IN HIS LIFE. AND ONE DAY AFTER HE



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1 COMPLETED THE PROGRAM WITH THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS, HIS MOTHER
2 ASKED HIM ABOUT A BOOK. AND HE REPLIED WITH SUCH DETAIL AND
3 ENTHUSIASM, SHE WAS STUNNED. SHE WAS LIKE, "OH MY GOODNESS,
4 YOU'VE NEVER REPLIED LIKE THAT BEFORE." AND AT THAT EXACT
5 MOMENT, THEY PASSED ANOTHER CHILD ON THE STREET AND HE
6 SCREAMED OUT OF THE WINDOW HE SAID, "HI." HIS MOTHER SAID, "MY
7 GOODNESS, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?" AND HE SAID, "THAT'S A
8 FREEDOM SCHOOL SCHOLAR, MOM." SO WE'RE EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH
9 NOT ONLY IN THEIR ABILITY TO READ BUT TO BE ACTIVE, ENGAGED
10 CITIZENS. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH TO MARK RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS FOR HIS SUPPORT, FOR BEING ON THE GROUND WITH US FROM
12 THE MOMENT THAT WE STARTED UNTIL WE WRAPPED UP. THANK YOU SO
13 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND NOW FOR A SPECIAL
16 PRESENTATION FROM OUR YOUNG SCHOLARS. DOREEN, DO YOU WANT TO
17 GIVE THEM CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE? I
18 THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS. YES. [MUSIC.]

19

20 **CHILDREN SINGING:** THE HIGHER YOU BUILD YOUR BARRIERS
21 THE TALLER I BECOME
22 THE FARTHER YOU TAKE MY RIGHTS AWAY
23 THE FASTER I WILL RUN
24 YOU CAN DENY ME YOU CAN DECIDE TO TURN YOUR FACE AWAY
25 NO MATTER, COS THERE'S....



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1 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
2 I KNOW THAT I CAN MAKE IT THO'
3 YOU'RE DOING ME WRONG,
4 SO WRONG YOU THOUGHT THAT MY PRIDE WAS GONE
5 OH NO, SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
6 OH OH OH OH OH SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
7 THE MORE YOU REFUSE TO HEAR MY VOICE
8 THE LOUDER I WILL SING
9 YOU HIDE BEHIND WALLS OF JERICHO
10 YOUR LIES WILL COME TUMBLING
11 DENY MY PLACE IN TIME
12 YOU SQUANDER WEALTH THAT'S MINE
13 MY LIGHT WILL SHINE SO BRIGHTLY
14 IT WILL BLIND YOU COS THERE'S.....
15 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
16 I KNOW THAT I CAN MAKE IT THO'
17 YOU'RE DOING ME WRONG, SO WRONG
18 YOU THOUGHT THAT MY PRIDE WAS GONE OH NO,
19 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
20 OH OH OH OH OH SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG BROTHERS AND SISTERS
21 WHEN THEY INSIST WE'RE JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH
22 WHEN WE KNOW BETTER
23 JUST LOOK 'EM IN THE EYES AND SAY
24 I'M GONNA DO IT ANYWAY X 2
25 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG



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1 AND I KNOW THAT I CAN MAKE IT
2 THO' YOU'RE DOING ME WRONG, SO WRONG
3 YOU THOUGHT THAT MY PRIDE WAS GONE
4 OH NO, SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
5 OH OH OH OH OH SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG BROTHERS AND SISTERS
6 WHEN THEY INSIST WE'RE JUST GOOD NOT ENOUGH
7 WHEN WE KNOW BETTER JUST LOOK 'EM IN THE EYES AND SAY
8 I'M GONNA DO IT ANYWAY X 4
9 BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
10 AND I KNOW THAT I CAN MAKE IT
11 THO' YOU'RE DOING ME, SO WRONG
12 OH NO, SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
13 OH OH OH OH OH SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
14 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
15 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG.
16 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG.
17 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG.
18 [CLAPPING.] [APPLAUSE.]
19
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUNG SCHOLARS. ON
21 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS. GIVE THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF
23 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] I THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS TO
2 EVERYONE HERE. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR
3 PRESENTATIONS?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE SOME
6 MEMBERS HERE. THIS IS A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN WHO STARTED PLAYING
7 BASEBALL AT NINE YEARS OF AGE, AND THEY DID SOMETHING THAT A
8 LOT OF US WHO ARE BASEBALL FANS WISH WE COULD DO AND VISIT ONE
9 DAY. THEY ARE NOW 12 YEARS OLD AND THEY PLAY TOGETHER OUT OF
10 DEL NORTE PARK SINCE THEY WERE NINE, AS I SAID. LAST WEEK THEY
11 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME TO COMPETE IN THE
12 COOPERSTOWN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN NEW YORK. NOT
13 ONLY DID THEY WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, BUT THEY WERE
14 UNDEFEATED FOR THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT. SOUTHERN CAL SMASH
15 COMPLETED 154 RUNS, HIT 48 HOME RUNS DURING A TOTAL OF 10
16 GAMES. THEY ALLOWED ONLY 15 RUNS IN TOTAL. THEY PLAYED TWO
17 GAMES A DAY, SOMETIMES IN THUNDERSTORM WEATHER. AND WE'RE VERY
18 PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR REPRESENTING THE GREAT CITY
19 OF WEST COVINA, OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR STATE OF
20 CALIFORNIA. SO WHAT WE HAVE WITH US TODAY ARE THE TWO COACHES,
21 ALEX CHAVEZ AND RICK CORIL. AND OUR PLAYERS GABRIEL CHAVEZ,
22 WHO IS THE NEPHEW OF MARTHA IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE. AND
23 DONOVAN STRAVEL, ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ AND RYAN FRANKEL OF THE TEAM
24 THAT ARE HERE THIS MORNING. SO LET ME ASK THE COACH TO COME UP



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1 AND ASK A COUPLE WORDS AND LET ME GIVE HIM THIS PROCLAMATION,
2 AS WELL. ALEX? CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **ALEX CHAVEZ:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
5 THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN LETTING THE BOYS GET RECOGNIZED.
6 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE KIDS WORKED REALLY HARD THE LAST
7 YEAR IN FOCUSING, IN ACHIEVING THEIR GOAL. IT WAS A YEAR-LONG
8 GOAL FOR THE PARENTS, AS WELL, WITH FUNDRAISERS, AND JUST
9 MAKING IT HAPPEN. BUT, ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU. AS YOU NOTICED,
10 HALF THE TEAM IS NOT HERE TODAY BECAUSE SCHOOL STARTED IN WEST
11 COVINA THIS PAST MONDAY. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE COACHES
12 STRIVE IS EDUCATION COMES FIRST. OBVIOUSLY THE PARENTS WERE
13 AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND THEY WERE MADE AWARE AND THE KIDS
14 WERE LEFT ON THEMSELVES TO MAKE THIS DECISION AND THEY OPTED
15 TO GO TO SCHOOL. SO THAT SAYS A LOT FOR OUR TEAM, AS WELL. SO
16 ONCE AGAIN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RICH CORIL? DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?
19 OKAY. GABRIEL CHAVEZ? [APPLAUSE.] DONOVAN STRAVEL? [APPLAUSE.]
20 ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ? [APPLAUSE.] AND RYAN? CONGRATULATIONS.
21 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

22

23 **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS IS ADRIAN
24 RODRIGUEZ. ON BEHALF OF MY BASEBALL TEAM, WE'D JUST LIKE TO
25 SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ALSO JUST TO BE



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1 BEST, THIS CHAMPIONSHIP RING THAT WE GOT OUT THERE IN
2 COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK. SO THANK YOU, ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL CONGRATULATIONS, CHAMPS. GOOD JOB.
5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE POODLE MIX WHO IS 18
8 MONTHS OLD NAMED ZIGGY. HI, ZIGGY. WHERE DID YOU GET THAT
9 NAME? OKAY. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HOME. OH, IT'S A BOY
10 AND HE'S NEUTERED. SO 562-728-4644 AND THIS LITTLE ZIGGY CAN
11 BE YOURS. 18 MONTHS OLD. NOT TOO HYPER. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. COME ON
14 UP AND JOIN ME AND ALL THE COMMISSIONERS. GOOD MORNING TO ALL
15 OF YOU. EACH YEAR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION
16 AWARDS, \$300 SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAVE
17 EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY AND WILL SOON BEGIN COLLEGE. EACH OF
18 TODAY'S THREE HONOREES HAS OVERCOME MANY OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE
19 EXCELLENCE AND WE'RE VERY PROUD TO HONOR THEM HERE TODAY.
20 JOINING ME IN PRESENTING THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE SYBIL BRAND
21 COMMISSIONERS, OUR CHAIR, ELEANORA R. MONTANO, WELCOME. WE
22 HAVE VICE CHAIR FRANK BACIO, THANK YOU, AS WELL AS BARBARA
23 BIGBY, RITA HALL, JOHN HAMMARGREN, ANNIE HALL-- ANNE HILL,
24 EXCUSE ME, AND CARL MOORE. THESE ARE OUR COMMISSIONERS AND
25 THEY'RE VERY PROUD OF MAKING-- BEING A PART OF THESE



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1 PRESENTATIONS. LET ME BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING JORDAN SILVERA.
2 HE IS OUR FIRST HONOREE. HE GRADUATED FROM CAJON HIGH SCHOOL
3 IN SAN BERNARDINO. THROUGHOUT HIS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER, HE
4 MAINTAINED A 3.87 G.P.A. AND EVEN FOUND TIME TO PLAY VARSITY
5 FOOTBALL. JORDAN PLANS TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
6 CAMPUS, OBTAIN A BUSINESS DEGREE AND ESTABLISH HIS OWN
7 BUSINESS. WE WANT TO WISH HIM THE GREATEST IN HIS ENDEAVORS.
8 JORDAN, YOU SEEM TO HAVE OVERCOME WHATEVER ADVERSITY WAS OUT
9 THERE AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR
10 SUCCESS. COME ON UP AND JOIN US. YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION?
11 GOOD.

12

13 **JORDAN SILVERA:** HI, EVERYBODY. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE SYBIL
14 BRAND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS AWARD
15 TO THE SCHOLARSHIP. I ALSO KNOW THAT I'LL BE GIFTED WITH A
16 LIFELONG LIST OF RESOURCES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS, SO I WANT
17 TO THANK EVERYBODY IN THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, THESE COMMISSIONERS ARE COUNTING ON
20 YOU TO DO WELL BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY SELECTED WELL.
21 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. NEXT WE HAVE A TROUBLED MICROPHONE.
22 WE'RE GOING TO FIX IT HERE. WE HAVE WAYNE CLINER III. MR.
23 CLINER GRADUATED FROM BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IN WILMINGTON. HE
24 EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY AND ALSO SUCCEEDED IN EXTRACURRICULAR
25 ACTIVITIES SUCH AS VARSITY, TRACK AND FIELD. WAYNE DISPLAYED



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1 GREAT LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES AND NEVER FAILED TO INSPIRE HIS
2 CLASSMATES, ALWAYS MAINTAINING A FANTASTIC ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT
3 THE MANY LIFE CHALLENGES THAT WERE PRESENTED TO HIM. WE WANT
4 TO WISH HIM THE GREATEST OF LUCK AS HE PURSUES STUDY POLITICAL
5 SCIENCE AND LAW DEGREES, AS WELL. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE
6 WAYNE ON THIS GREAT SCHOLARSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS. VERY
7 DESERVING. [APPLAUSE.] WAYNE, DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A FEW
8 WORDS? I'LL HAVE TO LIFT THIS UP FOR YOU A LITTLE BIT.

9

10 **WAYNE CLINER:** YES. MY NAME IS WAYNE CLINER AND I JUST WANT TO
11 THANK EVERYONE, AND ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FOR RECEIVING THIS
12 AWARD AND PURSUING MY GOALS. THAT'S ABOUT IT, REALLY. THAT'S
13 IT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] OUR FINAL
16 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THIS MORNING IS HANNAH CALEBS. HANNAH
17 GRADUATED FROM SOUTH HILLS HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST COVINA. SHE
18 MAINTAINED A 3.15 G.P.A. AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE HIGH SCHOOL
19 VIDEO PRODUCTION CLASS. HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE STAGING
20 PEP RALLIES AND PARTICIPATING IN SCHOOL THEATER PRODUCTIONS.
21 HANNAH ALSO MENTORED CLASSMATES AND ASSISTED THEM IN OBTAINING
22 EMPLOYMENT. SHE DISPLAYED AN OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC BY
23 DILIGENTLY PURSUING HER ACADEMIC GOALS AS WELL AS OVERCOMING
24 MANY OF LIFE'S CHALLENGES. HANNAH PLANS TO ATTEND PASADENA
25 CITY COLLEGE, TO MAJOR IN RADIOLOGY AND PURSUE A CAREER IN THE



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1 HEALTH FIELD. HANNAH, AGAIN WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. VERY
2 DESERVING SCHOLARSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] SO WHY
3 DON'T YOU SHARE A FEW WORDS?

4

5 **HANNAH CALEBS:** I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE HERE FOR STANDING
6 BEHIND US. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT, BUT IT'S ALL BEEN WORTH
7 IT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. I'M GOING TO ASK ELEANOR,
10 WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION, TO COME UP AND SHARE A FEW
11 WORDS. THEY'RE VERY PROUD OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT GO TO
12 VERY DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU HAVE A
13 WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE BACKING YOU UP AND BELIEVING IN YOU AS
14 YOU PURSUE YOUR COLLEGE DEGREE.

15

16 **FRANK BACIO:** ON BEHALF OF THE SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY THE
17 COMMISSION, WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR RECIPIENTS THIS YEAR, AS
18 WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR HELPING HOST OUR EVENT TODAY AND THEN
20 THE COUNTY SERVICES DEPARTMENT DID AN EXCELLENT JOB TODAY. AND
21 I KNOW WE'RE LOOKING TO SEE SOME GOOD FUTURE IN THESE STUDENTS
22 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SOME PICTURES AND ASK
25 SOME OF THE PARENTS TO COME UP AND JOIN US. THEY'RE VERY PROUD



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1 OF THE RECIPIENTS. SO WHY DON'T YOU ALL COME UP ON THE
2 PLATFORM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, I'D LIKE TO
5 RECOGNIZE, HANNAH IS FROM OUR DISTRICT AND SHE'S GOING TO BE
6 GOING TO CITRUS COLLEGE. AND SHE PLANS TO TRANSFER TO P.C.C.
7 AS A RADIOLOGIST TO STUDY. AND THEN ROBIN WOLVEK IS ALSO FROM
8 COVINA, WHO WILL BE GOING TO MOUNT SACK OR SACRAMENTO
9 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO DO A BUSINESS OR RECEIVE A MASTER'S IN
10 HER GOAL IN PSYCHOLOGY, FROM OUR FIFTH DISTRICT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S GREAT. CONGRATULATIONS. THEY'RE
13 GREAT. JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING OUR TWO SCHOLARS.
14 CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD LUCK TO YOU. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
15 JOINING US. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
16 TO PLEASE SWEAR IN ALL OF THOSE THAT ARE TESTIFYING BEFORE ON
17 ALL OF OUR PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ITEMS 1
20 THROUGH 5 AND ALSO ON 3-D BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, PLEASE STAND
21 AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU
22 MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE
23 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU
24 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM NO.
25 1 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE



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1 HEARING ON THE RENEWAL OF FLORENCE AVENUE PROPERTY AND
2 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE
3 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AREA LOCATED ALONG FLORENCE AVENUE
4 FROM CENTRAL AVENUE ON THE WEST TO THE METRO BLUE LINE TRACKS
5 ON THE EAST AND ALONG COMPTON AVENUE FROM FLORENCE AVENUE ON
6 THE NORTH TO EAST 75TH STREET ON THE SOUTH IN THE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
8 STATEMENT ON THIS. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE
9 IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. COULD I HAVE IRV SITKOFF JOIN
12 US? HE IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS. DO YOU WANT TO COME ON UP?

13

14 **IRV SITKOFF:** I ONLY WANT TO SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE
15 BID AND FEEL WE'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN THE PAST AND
16 HOPEFULLY WE CAN DO AND CONTINUE THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE
17 DONE IN THE PAST AND CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE THE SAME WAY, AND
18 EVEN DO BETTER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT
23 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING,
24 DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL



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1 LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR
2 BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
8 ANNEXATION OF 21 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
9 DISTRICT, PARCELS NO. 101-09 THROUGH 110-09, 201-09, 203-09,
10 THROUGH 208-09 AND 210-09 THROUGH 213-09 WITHIN THE
11 UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES OF BALDWIN HILLS, CARSON, ROWLAND
12 HEIGHTS AND CITIES OF CARSON, DIAMOND BAR, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY,
13 LA CANADA, FLINTRIDGE, LA MIRADA, RANCHO PALOS VERDES AND
14 ROSEMEAD. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND
15 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

16

17 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU, AND I'M A SENIOR
18 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
19 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION THROUGH THE
20 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF AND LEVY OF SEWER
21 SERVICE CHARGES TO THE PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER
22 WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND IN THE
23 CITIES OF CARSON, DIAMOND BAR, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY, LA CANADA
24 FLINTRIDGE, LA MIRADA, RANCHO PALOS VERDES AND ROSEMEAD. THE
25 FOUR CITIES HAVE GRANTED CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY



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1 OPINION, ALL 21 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION TO
2 THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION,
3 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS? NO
6 SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM? AND SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON ITEM NO. 2. ITEM 3.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE
11 ADOPTION OF 2010 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LOCAL
12 DEVELOPMENT REPORT WITH IMPLEMENTATION COSTS ESTIMATED AT
13 \$67,000 WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 ROAD
14 FUND BUDGET. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO
15 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER, BUT THERE IS A
16 PUBLIC SPEAKER.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, YOU SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM? IF
19 YOU'D JOIN US.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS.
22 AGAIN, ENTERPRISE ZONES. AND THE FACT THAT HERE, THIS IS THE
23 STORY OF THE ARTICLE THAT I WANTED TO READ FROM WEDNESDAY,
24 JUNE 30TH, THE DAILY BREEZE. COLUMNIST DAN WALTERS WHO WRITES
25 FOR THE SACRAMENTO BEE, SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE STATE



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1 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ANALYSIS, THE CITY'S DESCRIPTION OF
2 ENTERPRISE ZONES AS-- HE DESCRIBES ENTERPRISE ZONES AS
3 INEFFECTIVE AND RECOMMENDED THEY BE ELIMINATED. LAST YEAR, THE
4 PUBLIC POLICY OF CALIFORNIA, IN AN EXHAUSTIVE STUDY OF
5 ENTERPRISE ZONES, DECLARED THAT DECEMBER PIT THEIR COSTS THEY
6 GENERATE NO STATISTICALLY SUFFICIENT EFFECT ON UNEMPLOYMENT.
7 HE ALSO WRITES IN THIS ARTICLE THAT A BETTER APPROACH WOULD BE
8 TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVIEW ALL THE TAX LOOPHOLES OF ENTERPRISE
9 ZONES AND USING THE REVENUE GAINS TO EXPAND PROGRAMS THAT HELP
10 ALL KIDS ACHIEVE THE POTENTIAL, WHETHER IT BE COLLEGE OR JOB
11 TRAINING. IN ADDITION THERE WAS A STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES I
12 BELIEVE MAYBE TWO WEEKS AGO REGARDING PART OF LOS FILES AREA
13 BEING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE. YET THE AVERAGE MEDIAN INCOME--

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT ITEM?

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 8.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS ITEM NO. 3.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM?

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT IT WAS ITEM NO. 8,

24 MA'AM. EXCUSE ME. OH, I'M SORRY. EXCUSE ME. I APOLOGIZE. ITEM

25 NO. 3, YES. THE FLORENCE ZONE, THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE.



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1 I WAS JUST WONDERING ON THIS, IS THIS ALSO, THIS AREA ALSO
2 INCLUDED?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT WAS THAT WAS THE ONE-- THIS IS A
5 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. THE H.O.V.?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MR. SACHS, PLEASE FINISH UP.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** FLORENCE NO. 3. 3-D? NO. I'M SORRY, MA'AM.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON ITEM NO. 3.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
16 REPORT. YEAH, DEALING WITH CONGESTION. AGAIN, THIS WOULD BE A
17 SUBJECT MORE OR LESS FOR THE M.T.A., MAYBE? YOUR POLICIES
18 REGARDING THAT ASSOCIATION AND YOUR POLICIES REGARDING
19 CONGESTION IN THE COUNTY, WHEN YOU CREATE THE PROBLEM, THEN
20 YOU MAKE THE SOLUTION EASY TO FIND. AND THE FACT THAT YOU'VE
21 BEEN INEFFECTUAL IN YOUR TRANSIT PROGRAMMING HELPS TO CREATE A
22 NEED FOR CONGESTION MANAGEMENT. YOU CAN'T MANAGE THE PROGRAMS
23 TO ALLIEVE THIS CONGESTION, THEN REALLY YOU'RE JUST SPINNING
24 YOUR WHEELS. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED
2 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
3 THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
6 ANNEXATION OF THE FOLLOWING TERRITORIES, LAWDALE LIGHTING
7 DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 IN THE LAWDALE
8 ZONE. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM, AND NO
9 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

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11 **DAVID STRINGER:** MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY
12 NAME IS DAVID STRINGER AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE
14 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE LAWDALE LIGHTING
15 DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 LAWDALE
16 ZONE, AND THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR TERRITORY IDENTIFIED
17 IN THE BOARD LETTER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAWDALE.
18 THIS INVOLVED CITY ADVOCATES' CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY
19 OPINION, THIS TERRITORY WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION
20 AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT
21 YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
22 REVENUES FOR THE NON EXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES AND ALSO TO ACCEPT
23 THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES ON BEHALF OF
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE
25 ANNEXATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD LETTER.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS? ALL
3 RIGHT. THERE ARE NO OTHER ISSUES ON THIS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE IS NO
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 5.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS A COMBINED HEARING ON PROJECT NO.
8 R2008-02217-1 FOR THE FOLLOWING LAND USE AND ZONING MATTERS.
9 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION RELATED TO
10 THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3949 DENNISON STREET AND THE EAST SIDE
11 UNIT NO. 1, ZONE DISTRICT WITHIN THE EAST LOS ANGELES
12 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY B.P. WEST COAST
13 PRODUCTS. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND
14 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR?

17

18 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TYLER
19 MONTGOMERY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE
20 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED CONCURRENT PUBLIC
21 HEARINGS ON LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT, THE ZONE CHANGE AND THE
22 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON MAY 5TH, 2010 AND JUNE 16, 2010 TO
23 AUTHORIZE THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING CONVENIENCE STORE AND
24 AUTO SERVICE CENTER AND ITS REPLACEMENT WITH A NEW 2,120
25 SQUARE FOOT A.M./P.M. CONVENIENCE STORE ON THE NORTHWEST



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1 PORTION OF THIS HALF ACRE PROPERTY ON 3949 DENNISON STREET.
2 THE EXISTING SERVICE STATION IS LOCATED IN THE R3 LIMITED
3 MULTIPLE RESIDENCE ZONE AND WITHIN THE MEDIUM DENSITY
4 RESIDENTIAL LAND USE CATEGORY OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES
5 COMMUNITY PLAN. IN ORDER FOR THIS EXPANSION OF A NONCONFORMING
6 USE, THE APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT THE ZONING BE CHANGED FROM C1
7 D.P., WHICH IS RESTRICTED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND
8 THAT THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION BE CHANGED TO MAJOR
9 COMMERCIAL. THE APPLICANT IS ALSO REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE
10 PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFFSITE
11 CONSUMPTION, TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVIATION FOR THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT
12 LANDSCAPING AND SIGN ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES
13 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE
14 REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OVERLAY ZONE. THE
15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
16 THE REQUESTED LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE AND TO
17 APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT ITS JUNE 16, 2010
18 MEETING. PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY CODE, THE CONDITIONAL USE
19 PERMIT APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IS DEEMED
20 TO BE CALLED FOR REVIEW BY YOUR BOARD AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED
21 CONCURRENTLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION-- WITH THE RECOMMENDED
22 LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE. AN INITIAL STUDY WAS
23 PREPARED FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
24 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. THE INITIAL STUDY
25 XONCLUDED THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



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1 IS THE APPROPRIATE UNDER C.E.Q.A. REPORTING GUIDELINES. THE
2 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVE THE
4 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED LOCAL PLAN
5 AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: THE
6 ACTION WOULD UPDATE THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN'S LAND
7 USE POLICY MAP TO REFLECT CURRENT CONDITIONS FOR THE AREA. AND
8 THE ACTION WOULD ESTABLISH DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS THAT ENSURE
9 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE COMPATIBLE
10 WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN. THIS
11 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS
14 ITEM? OH, THAT'S RIGHT, WE DO HAVE ONE SPEAKER AGAIN IN FAVOR,
15 ERIKA SKEIE? ERIKA, DID YOU WANT TO JOIN US? OR ARE YOU JUST
16 SUPPORTIVE? ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY MYSELF.

17

18 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR? MADAME CHAIR? IF I COULD
19 JUST INTERJECT FOR THE MOTION. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE
20 BOARD TO ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INDICATE ITS
21 INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AND INSTRUCT OUR OFFICE TO COME
22 BACK WITH THE FINAL DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL AT A FUTURE BOARD
23 MEETING.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, ON THIS ITEM, WE WILL CLOSE THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN, AGAIN, THIS IS WHAT, ASK YOU TO BEGIN
3 PREPARING THE DOCUMENTS TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD?

4

5 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** NO. YOU'RE GOING TO APPROVE THE
6 NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROJECT AND INDICATE YOUR INTENT
7 TO APPROVE ALL THE PROJECT AND ALL THE RELATED ENTITLEMENTS
8 AND INSTRUCT OUR OFFICE TO COME BACK WITH THE FINAL DOCUMENTS
9 OF APPROVAL AT A FUTURE BOARD MEETING FOR A CONSENT CALENDAR
10 ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT IN MIND, MOVED BY
13 MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC
17 HEARING. WE WILL COME BACK AT A LATER TIME TO HEAR ITEM 1 AND
18 ITEM 3-D. BUT WE'RE NOW ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE WANT TO GO AHEAD FOR PUBLIC
21 HEARING. WE HAD ITEM 3-D, SHOULD WE GO AHEAD WITH THAT?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT ONE IS BEING TABULATED ALONG WITH ITEM
24 1.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. SO WHO'S UP FIRST?

2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR SPECIALS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. PERMIT ME TO
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. EDDIE LEE
6 WALKER, BORN AUGUST 20TH, 1931 IN ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA AND
7 PASSED ON JULY 30TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 78. HE WAS A WELL-
8 KNOWN JAZZ AND BLUES SINGER WHO RECORDED ALBUMS AND TRAVELED
9 THE WORLD SINGING AND PERFORMING. HE ENJOYED SINGING, WRITING
10 AND READING POETRY. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR HIS
11 LOVING PERSONALITY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS HALF
12 BROTHER CAREY AND HIS COUSINS, JUNE, HELLEN, TONI, CAROL,
13 GLORIA AND LAATRUCE. THE REVEREND LUTHER L. SHEPARD BORN
14 SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1938 IN SULFUR SPRINGS, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY
15 ON AUGUST THE THIRD, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 71. HE WAS A RETIRED
16 MINISTER AND PASTOR AND ATTENDED THE EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
17 AND BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN LONG BEACH. HE ALSO
18 SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A U.S. MARINE IN THE VIETNAM WAR. HE
19 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR BEING A LOVING FATHER AND A GREAT
20 LEADER FOR OVER 39 YEARS IN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. HE IS
21 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, BRENDA, LOIS, JACQUELINE,
22 CASSANDRA, CHARLENA, KIMBERLY AND HIS WIFE, MOLLY, FOUR
23 GRANDCHILDREN, THREE BROTHERS, FOUR SISTERS, 20 GRANDCHILDREN
24 AND EIGHT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THE REVEREND LUTHER L. SHEPARD.
25 THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 17-D,
5 WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAKERS OF THE MOTION, THEY HAVE
6 AGREED TO CONTINUE THE ITEM. AND WITH YOUR CONSENT AND FURTHER
7 RESEARCH ON THE PART OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE THAT DOES BILL
8 ANALYSIS AND THE LIKE, WE WILL BRING IT BACK FOR FURTHER
9 DISPOSITION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM IS THAT?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 17-B.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** C?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** B AS IN BOY.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT HAS BEEN HELD BY--

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CONTINUED.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, YOU HELD THAT ITEM? ALL RIGHT.
24 VERY GOOD. AND THAT IS TO BE REFERRED BACK OR CONTINUED?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CONTINUED. CORRECT. THANK YOU. THAT
2 CONCLUDES THAT WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE BOARD BY WAY
3 OF ITEMS TODAY, MADAME CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR
6 SPECIALS?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE AN ADJOURNING MOTION, MADAME CHAIR. I
9 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RABBI EDWIN M. TENENBAUM.
10 RABBI TENENBAUM WAS EMERITUS RABBI OF TEMPLE BETH ZION IN
11 WESTSIDE LOS ANGELES AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92 ON
12 SATURDAY. HE LED THE CONGREGATION. HE WAS A CONGREGATIONAL
13 RABBI FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS AND A RABBI OF TEMPLE BETH ZION
14 SINCE 1965. HE WAS THE RETIRED DIRECTOR OF PACIFIC SOUTHWEST
15 REGION OF UNITED SYNAGOGUES OF AMERICA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
16 CONVERSION RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY, WEST STATES REGION, HOSPITAL
17 AND RETIREMENT HOME CHAPLAIN. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND
18 HE WAS ALSO A COLLEAGUE OF MY OWN FATHER. WHEN RABBI TENENBAUM
19 WAS A YOUNGER MAN, MY DAD WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS IN JEWISH
20 EDUCATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SO HE KNEW ME AND I KNEW HIM
21 SINCE MY VERY YOUNG DAYS. AND HE LIVED A FULL LIFE AND HE WAS
22 A VERY, VERY FINE MAN AND PERSONAL COMMUNITY INTEGRITY. THOSE
23 ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING, MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR
5 SPECIALS?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF DIANE DEE PARK, WIFE OF NOEL PARK, SAN PEDRO
9 COMMUNITY LEADER AND GOOD FRIEND, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY OF
10 BREAST CANCER. DIANA WAS AN R.N. AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL. SHE WAS
11 LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE PALOS VERDES LAND CONSERVANCY AND
12 NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
13 HUSBAND, NOEL AND SONS JEFFREY AND CHRISTOPHER. THOSE ARE MY
14 ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I WASN'T HOLDING ANYTHING, MADAME CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR
21 SPECIALS, PLEASE?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY,
24 WILLIAM LEWIS WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 14TH. HE WAS A CAPTAIN
25 OF THE PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT BEFORE SERVING AS THE CITY'S



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1 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. HE WORKED FOR 25 YEARS FOR CITIES
2 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GAME MANAGER FOR 13 YEARS FOR
3 THE ANNUAL ROSE BOWL FOOTBALL GAME AND A U.S.C. ALUM. HE
4 LEAVES BEHIND HIS WIFE MARY AND EIGHT CHILDREN AND 11
5 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS WELL-LIKED AND WELL-LOVED BY THE PEOPLE
6 IN PASADENA. JOYCE MARIE COOMBER OF SAN DIMAS. SHE WAS A
7 SPEECH THERAPIST FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL
8 SYSTEM AND VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. JAMES BERGMANN,
9 RETIRED DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS
10 LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. LAVENA MARIE
11 BAKER, LONG TIME COMMUNITY LEADER IN COVINA, SHE PASSED AWAY
12 AT THE AGE OF 98. RUTH ARLINE WEAVER SCHEURING. SHE PASSED
13 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE WAS EDUCATOR AT BELMONT AND LA
14 PUENTE HIGH SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HOT LINE AT THE
15 CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL. ZACHARY WAYNE ZEITS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
16 OF 41. HE WAS RESIDENT OF GLENDORA. DR. JOHN ILSLEY, A LONG
17 TIME RESIDENT OF CLAREMONT, PHYSICIAN, CIVIC AND MILITARY
18 LEADER AND INVOLVED VERY MUCH IN THE COMMUNITY. JOEL HARADA,
19 HIS WIFE YUKINO, WHO IS A CLASSICAL JAPANESE DANCER. MANY OF
20 THE STUDENTS AT CAL STATE LOS ANGELES WERE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH
21 JOEL AND YUKI'S BUSINESS. REOTA KATHERINE EDWARDS, RESIDENT OF
22 WEST COVINA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 AND LORNA GARVER,
23 RESIDENT OF GLENDORA. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THAT'S ALL
24 I HAVE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. YOU'RE
2 NOT HOLDING ANY ITEMS? CORRECT?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN THIS
7 MORNING IN MEMORY OF DR. MARIO OBLEDO. HE PASSED AWAY ON
8 WEDNESDAY AUGUST THE 18TH AT THE AGE OF 78 FROM A HEART
9 ATTACK. DR. OBLEDO WAS RESPECTFULLY KNOWN AS THE GODFATHER OF
10 THE LATINO MOVEMENT. HE CO-FOUNDED THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL
11 DEFENSE EDUCATION FUND BETTER KNOWN AS M.A.L.D.E.F. AND BECAME
12 ITS PRESIDENT TWO YEARS LATER. HE ALSO CO-FOUNDED THE HISPANIC
13 NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION AND WAS A KEY FIGURE IN THE LEAGUE OF
14 LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS. IN ALL OF THOSE ROLES AND MANY
15 OTHERS, DR. OBLEDO CHAMPIONED CIVIL RIGHTS AFFECTING LATINOS
16 AND HE ASSURED THAT THESE CAUSES RECEIVED NATIONAL ATTENTION.
17 A HARVARD SCHOOL OF LAW FACULTY MEMBER, DOCTOR OBLEDO SERVED
18 AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE UNDER GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN
19 FROM 1975 TO 1982. IN 1985, HE RECEIVED THE O.H.T.L.I. AWARD,
20 THE HIGHEST AWARD BESTOWED BY MEXICO ON A FOREIGNER. AND IN
21 1998 HE RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM, OUR
22 NATION'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD, BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON.
23 DR. OBLEDO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS QUIET DIGNITY, HIS UNCOMMON
24 WISDOM AND FOR OPENING THE DOORS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR COUNTLESS
25 MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE STATE AS WELL AS OUR NATION. HE



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1 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KEDA ALCALA-OBLEDO. I'D LIKE TO ASK
2 THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ALL RIGHT. ALL MEMBERS? VERY
3 GOOD. I'D ALSO LIKE TODAY TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD,
4 BETTER KNOWN AS SCAR, LOPEZ. HE PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, JULY
5 30TH OF LUNG CANCER AT THE AGE OF 65. HE GREW UP IN THE RAMONA
6 GARDENS HOUSING PROJECT AND ATTENDED LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S
7 BEST KNOWN FOR BEING ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF CANNIBAL
8 THE HEAD HUNTERS. THIS WAS A VERY POPULAR BAND FROM THE EAST
9 SIDE AND THEY SCORED A NATIONAL HIT IN 1965 WITH "LAND OF
10 1,000 DANCES." SINCE LOPEZ AND HIS BAND MATES WERE ALL
11 MEXICANS FROM THE EAST SIDE, ALL OF US TOOK TREMENDOUS PRIDE
12 IN ALL OF THEM. LOPEZ AND MEMBERS OF CANNIBAL AND THE HEAD
13 HUNTERS APPEARED ON T.V. SHOWS LIKE "AMERICAN BANDSTAND,"
14 "HULLABALOO" AS WELL AS "SHEBANG." THEY OPENED FOR MANY BIG
15 ACTS INCLUDING THE ROLLING STONES AND THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS.
16 IN 1996 THEY WERE INDUCTED INTO THE CHICANO ROCK AND ROLL HALL
17 OF FAME. AND OF COURSE RICHARD LOPEZ, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH
18 "L.A. WEEKLY," SAID, "WE WERE FOUR MEXICAN KIDS FROM EAST L.A.
19 COMING FROM THE PROJECTS. YOUR DREAMS CAN BE FULFILLED IF YOU
20 WORK AT IT." SO I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MR.
21 LOPEZ. AND FINALLY I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF
22 TRUDY PARKS, SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF LOS ANGELES CITY
23 COUNCILMAN AND FORMER L.A.P.D. CHIEF OF POLICE BERNARD PARKS.
24
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** TRUDY PARKS PASSED AWAY THIS PAST

3 SATURDAY. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN L.A. WHERE SHE GRADUATED

4 FROM HIGH SCHOOL FROM ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, AND WHILE STUDYING

5 SOCIAL WORK IN COLLEGE IN MAY OF 2000, TRUDY PARKS'S 20-YEAR-

6 OLD NIECE, LORI RENEE GONZALEZ, WAS KILLED IN A SENSELESS

7 GANG-RELATED INCIDENT. TRUDY PARKS SAID THAT THIS TRAGIC EVENT

8 STRENGTHENED HER RESOLVE TO BECOME PART OF A SOLUTION RATHER

9 THAN A PASSIVE OBSERVER. AND ABOUT SIX YEARS LATER IN DECEMBER

10 2006, TRUDY PARKS JOINED HER MOTHER, BOBBIE, TO OPEN A GROUP

11 HOME IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FOR TEENAGE GIRLS. IT WAS CALLED THE

12 LORI RENEE HOUSE AND IT WAS NAMED AFTER HER BELOVED NIECE.

13 TRUDY PARKS WENT TO OPEN OTHER GROUP HOMES FOR TEENS. ALL WHO

14 KNEW HER SAY SHE WAS DEDICATED, LOVING, PASSIONATE ABOUT

15 SOCIAL CAUSES SHE CHAMPIONED AND COMMITTED TO MAKING TANGIBLE,

16 POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE LIVES OF CLIENTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY

17 HER FATHER, COUNCILMAN BERNARD PARKS, HER MOM, BOBBIE PARKS,

18 HER SISTERS, FELICIA PARKS, MICHELLE PARKS AND HER BROTHER

19 BERNARD PARKS, JR. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO

20 BERNARD PARKS AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. ALL MEMBERS. VERY GOOD.

21 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM

22 NO. 17-D. WE HAVE A FEW SPEAKERS. ALL RIGHT. IF I COULD HAVE

23 ARNOLD SACHS, WHO IS HOLDING THIS ITEM AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

24 AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT BOTH OF YOU HAVE ALSO HELD ITEM



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1 10, IF YOU COULD ADDRESS ITEM 10, AS WELL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
2 IT. IF YOU'D BEGIN, MR. SACHS.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS.
5 IT'S ACTUALLY VERY IMPRESSIVE TO SEE THAT YOU'RE JUMPING UP TO
6 HANDLE THIS SITUATION WITH D.C.F.S., AND I KNOW LAST WEEK YOU
7 BASICALLY HAD YOUR BAND-AID REGARDING THE VIOLATIONS OF THE
8 BROWN ACT THAT OCCURRED WHEN YOU WANTED TO ANALYZE THESE
9 REPORTS OR ASKED ABOUT THE REPORTS IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO MY
10 QUESTION WOULD BE: YOU DON'T LIST IN HERE-- YOU HAVE MAKING
11 SURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE PURSUANT TO S.B.39 AND THE
12 WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, 827. BUT NOWHERE IN HERE DO YOU
13 LIST THAT THEY ALSO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT,
14 WHICH IS A VIOLATION THAT REALLY DOESN'T CARRY A PENALTY, PER
15 SE, WHEREAS I GUESS THESE VIOLATIONS OF THE S.B.39 AND THE
16 WELFARE INSTITUTIONS CODE 827 WOULD CARRY SOME KIND OF DARK
17 STAR VIOLATION TO WHATEVER BROKE THOSE RULES. PERSONALLY,
18 SINCE THERE ARE SOME CODES YOU DON'T UPHOLD AND STATE LAWS
19 THAT YOU DON'T UPHOLD IN YOUR OTHER ROLES, WHAT DOES IT REALLY
20 MATTER? I MEAN, IF YOU'RE NOT CONSISTENT IN THAT AREA, WHAT
21 DOES IT REALLY MATTER? AND YOU KNOW, WITHOUT HAVING TO SAY
22 EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ANOTHER ROLE
23 IN ADDITION TO BEING SUPERVISORS, YOU ALL SIT ON THE BOARD OF
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY. AND THEY'RE
25 CONSTANTLY, OR THEY'VE CONSTANTLY IGNORED BOTH STATE CODES AND



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1 STATE LAWS. SO THE FACT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO MEET THESE
2 REQUIREMENTS ON ONE HAND AND ON THE OTHER HAND YOU FAIL TO
3 ADDRESS THEM, IT'S NOT THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. IT SEEMS TO
4 BE THE RULE. LET'S DO WHAT WE WANT TO DO AND TO HELL WITH
5 ANYTHING ELSE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
10 WELL I'M ALWAYS CONCERNED WHEN I SEE THOSE ONE WEEK REPORTS
11 AND SO ON BECAUSE MOST THE OF THE TIME WE DO NOT GET THOSE
12 REPORTS. BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU INTEND TO BRING IT TO AN
13 OPEN PUBLIC SESSION. ONE OF MY CONSTANT COMPLAINTS WITH THIS
14 BOARD HAS BEEN THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND THE LACK OF
15 SUNSHINE, AND MANY TIMES YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE BROWN ACT.
16 SO I AM REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT REPORT NEXT WEEK AND
17 HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GO FORWARD ON DEALING WITH THE CHILDREN'S
18 SERVICES IN PARTICULAR. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ON ITEM 17-D, I
21 INTRODUCED THIS MOTION TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT THE BOARD IS
22 INTERESTED IN FACILITATING THE RELEASE OF CHILD FATALITY
23 INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH OUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND
24 DUTIES UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, WHICH IS TO PROTECT THE
25 CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD VICTIMS, THEIR SIBLINGS, AS WELL AS



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1 THEIR FAMILIES. THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF CONFUSION AS TO
2 WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION CAN BE DISCLOSED END SENATE BILL 39
3 AND THE WELFARE INSTITUTIONS CODE 827 INCLUDING THOSE WHO CAN
4 LEGALLY OBJECT TO THE DISCLOSURE AND WHAT THIS PROCESS
5 ENTAILS. MY MOTION SEEKS TO MAKE THESE PROCESSES TRANSPARENT
6 GOING FORWARD WITH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR SEEKING ACCESS.
7 LIKEWISE, THIS MOTION WILL PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A CLEAR
8 STATUS REPORT ON PENDING REQUESTS AND ANY INSTITUTIONAL HOLDS
9 OR OBJECTIONS THAT MAY BE PREVENTING THE DISCLOSURE AS CHILD
10 FATALITY INFORMATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED. AND FINALLY I'VE
11 ASKED THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW TO PREPARE THIS
12 INFORMATION TO AN ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC HAS AN ANALYSIS, THE
13 PROTOCOL AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION PROVIDED COMPLETELY
14 INDEPENDENT AND FREE OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR BOARD INFLUENCE. SO
15 THAT IS MY MOTION THAT IS BEFORE YOU. WE ALSO HAVE ITEM NO. 10
16 AT THE SAME TIME. SO IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION-- WELL, WE HAVE
17 BOTH ITEMS. DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON ITEM 17-D?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU TAKE CARE OF 10.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I ASKED YOU TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS WHEN
22 THEY SPOKE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON 17-D WHEN THE TIME
25 COMES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S TIME.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

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6 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT'S A VIOLATION RIGHT THERE.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I ASKED YOU TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS.

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10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE WAY YOU VOICED IT, IT WAS NOT VERY
11 PRECISE. MR. SACHS SPOKE TO THE FIRST ITEM. I SPOKE TO THE
12 FIRST ITEM. I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO SPEAK TO THE SECOND ONE.
13 YOUR LACK OF CARE OF THE PUBLIC IS ASTONISHING, AND YOU'RE A
14 DISGRACE TO GOVERNMENT PRACTICE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD ADDRESS SOME QUESTIONS TO THE
17 COUNTY COUNSEL. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT ONE ASPECT OF TRANSPARENCY
18 THAT HAS EMERGED OVER A NUMBER OF CASES, THE MOST RECENT OF
19 WHICH AND THE MOST CELEBRATED OF WHICH, I GUESS, IS THE JORGE
20 T. CASE WHERE THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT MAKE A FINDING THAT THE
21 DEATH WAS A RESULT OF EITHER NEGLIGENCE OR ABUSE, WHICH UNDER THE
22 LAW THEY ARE ONE OF THE THREE COMPONENT PARTS OF-- ONE OF
23 THREE ENTITIES THAT CAN MAKE A DETERMINATION WHETHER A DEATH
24 IS A RESULT OF ABUSE OR NEGLIGENCE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
25 RATIONALE FOR THAT WAS OTHER THAN THAT THE CHILD COMMITTED



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1 SUICIDE, THE 11-YEAR-OLD BOY COMMITTED SUICIDE, SO HIS DEATH
2 WAS A RESULT OF HIS OWN-- A LITERAL ASSESSMENT WOULD BE THAT
3 HIS DEATH WOULD BE A RESULT OF HIS OWN DOING. AND I DON'T KNOW
4 WHETHER THAT'S THE RATIONALE OR NOT, BUT THE HISTORY OF THIS
5 CASE AS I THINK YOU'RE ALL WELL AWARE OF BY NOW, IS THAT THIS
6 CHILD WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT
7 OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. IN FACT, SO MUCH SO THAT AT ONE POINT
8 HE WAS REMOVED FROM HIS MOTHER'S CUSTODY AND PUT IN FOSTER
9 CARE FOR 15 MONTHS OR SO. AND THERE WERE OTHER SUBSTANTIATED
10 CASES OF PHYSICAL ABUSE. SO MY QUESTION IS: THIS CASE DID NOT
11 COME-- WAS NOT, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHERS, WERE NOT
12 RENDERED AS CAUSED BY ABUSE OR NEGLECT EVEN THOUGH A
13 REASONABLE PERSON MIGHT LOOK AT IT AND SAY 11-YEAR-OLD BOY
14 HUNG HIMSELF IN HIS MOTHER'S CLOSET NOT BECAUSE HE WOKE UP ONE
15 MORNING AND DECIDED TO DO IT, BUT BECAUSE OF EVERYTHING THAT
16 HAD TRANSPIRED THAT LED UP TO THAT MOMENT. I RAISE THAT ISSUE
17 BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED WHETHER THE INFORMATION THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS GIVING THIS
19 BOARD IS ACCURATE OR WHETHER CASES LIKE THIS ONE, WHICH
20 ARGUABLY COULD HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY ABUSE OR
21 NEGLECT, WHETHER OTHER CASES LIKE THIS ONE, INCLUDING THIS
22 ONE, ARE NOT FINDING THEMSELVES CATEGORIZED THAT WAY, THUS NOT
23 TRIGGERING S.B.39, THUS NOT BECOMING AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC,
24 TO THE PRESS OR THE PUBLIC, WHOEVER, STAKEHOLDERS, AND ABOVE
25 ALL, WHETHER WE, AS A COUNTY ARE COMPLYING WITH THE LAW WHICH



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1 I THINK REQUIRES US TO MAKE A FINDING WHERE THERE IS ABUSE OR
2 NEGLECT, TO MAKE THAT FINDING AND NOT IGNORE FACTORS THAT
3 WOULD LEAD TO THAT CONCLUSION FOR ANY OTHER REASON. SO I'D
4 LIKE TO ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THIS. I DON'T KNOW HOW
5 MUCH YOU'VE MANAGED TO LOOK INTO THE OTHER CASES OR THIS CASE,
6 FOR THAT MATTER. BUT I'M CONCERNED THAT WE ARE MISLEADING,
7 THAT WE ARE BEING MISLED OR NOT PROPERLY OR ADEQUATELY
8 INFORMED BY THESE COMMUNICATIONS THAT WE'RE GETTING OR
9 CONCLUSIONS THAT ARE BEING RENDERED.

10

11 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE NOT THE
12 ONLY SUPERVISOR WHO HAS A CONCERN ABOUT HOW THAT PHRASE "A
13 CAUSE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT" IS BEING CONSTRUED. NOT JUST HERE
14 BUT STATEWIDE. IT IS A DIFFICULT FINDING. AND OBVIOUSLY YOU
15 WOULD WANT UNIFORMITY AND YOU WOULD WANT TO ERR ON THE SIDE OF
16 TRANSPARENCY. AND SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT LOOKING INTO EXACTLY
17 HOW THOSE DECISIONS ARE MADE IS IMPORTANT AND A GOOD THING TO
18 DO. IT IS OF COURSE NOT THE ONLY WAY THAT THIS BOARD CAN BE
19 ASSURED THAT INFORMATION COMES OUT ON A CASE LIKE THIS.
20 BECAUSE IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A SUICIDE, UNDOUBTEDLY YOU'RE
21 NOT GOING TO BE HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVED WHO WAS
22 INVESTIGATING THE DEATH, AND SO THIS WOULD ALSO BE AN
23 OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT 827, WHERE A PETITION IS FILED BEFORE
24 THE COURT TO RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS. AND THERE IT IS WHETHER
25 IT'S IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. AND OF COURSE IT HAS TO HAVE SOME



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1 DUE PROCESS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FAMILY OR
2 SIBLINGS TO OBJECT. BUT THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY TO ASSURE
3 THAT THE DOCUMENTS WHICH CAN BE RELEASED WILL BE RELEASED

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO WE NOT HAVE AN OBLIGATION UNDER S.B.39 TO
6 MAKE A FINDING?

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8 **ANDREA ORDIN:** YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION DEFINITELY TO MAKE A
9 FINDING ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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13 **ANDREA ORDIN:** AND THEN THE QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE ALL THE
14 FACTORS THAT GO INTO MAKING THAT DETERMINATION WHEN THE
15 STATUTE AND THE REGULATIONS JUST SAY IT IS A CAUSE, IT IS
16 CAUSED BY. DOES THAT MEAN 100 PERCENT? 90 PERCENT? 30 PERCENT
17 OR 20 PERCENT? SO I THINK THIS IS A GOOD DISCUSSION TO HAVE
18 WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE STATE AGENCIES AND WITH THE
19 OTHER DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN MAKING THAT
20 DETERMINATION OF WHAT IS A CAUSE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN A MOTHER, OR FATHER FOR THAT MATTER, IS
23 DRUNK AND HAS THE BABY OR A CHILD IN THEIR BED WITH THEM AND
24 MANAGES TO SUFFOCATE THE CHILD IN HIS OR HER STUPOR, NOT
25 INTENTIONALLY BUT IN THEIR STUPOR, WOULD THAT BE AN AREA WHERE



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1 NOT JUST A SUICIDE BUT IN THIS KIND OF A CASE WHERE THAT MIGHT
2 LEAD ONE TO THE CONCLUSION THAT ABUSE OR NEGLECT WAS AT PLAY
3 OR BOTH OF THEM?

4

5 **ANDREA ORDIN:** CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, AGAIN A REASONABLE
6 SUSPICION WOULD BE GIVEN AT THAT POINT YOU'RE SUPPOSING THAT
7 THEY DIDN'T JUST HAVE A CHILD CRAWL INTO BED BECAUSE HE OR SHE
8 WAS FRIGHTENED AND WAS ROLLED OVER ON AT SOME POINT OR
9 ANOTHER. YOU'RE SAYING THAT THESE WERE PARENTS WHO WERE DRUNK.
10 THE CHILD SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE BED. AND THEN CERTAINLY
11 IT SOUNDS TO ME, ALTHOUGH I WOULD ALWAYS TURN TO THE
12 PROFESSIONALS WHO MAKE THESE JUDGMENTS, I WOULD CERTAINLY
13 BELIEVE THAT A REASONABLE SUSPICION OF NEGLECT IN THAT
14 SITUATION. THEN FURTHER INVESTIGATION WOULD BE DONE TO
15 DETERMINE IF THAT NEGLECT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE CHILD'S DEATH.
16 IMAGINE MUCH MORE SERIOUS ONES, LEAVING THE CHILD IN THE
17 BATHTUB AND GOING TO ANSWER THE PHONE OR CHAT OUTSIDE, THAT
18 KIND OF NEGLECT, LEAVING THE CHILD IN THE BATHTUB WHO'S TWO
19 YEARS OLD.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW BY YOUR OFFICE OR
22 BY ANY OTHER ARM OF THE COUNTY TO SCRUB THESE CONCLUSIONS THAT
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS MADE? THERE
24 HAVE BEEN OVER THE LAST-- SINCE S.B.39 WENT INTO EFFECT 150 TO
25 200 CHILD DEATHS IN THIS COUNTY. I MAY BE OFF BY A FEW. BUT I



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1 THINK IT'S AT LEAST 150 DEATHS SINCE 2008 IN THIS COUNTY. SOME
2 OF WHICH WERE FOUND TO BE, THE MINORITY OF WHICH WERE FOUND TO
3 BE ABUSE AND NEGLECT. SOME OF THEM HAD CLEARLY NOTHING TO DO
4 WITH ABUSE AND NEGLECT. GET HIT BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, GET
5 HIT BY A CAR OR WHATEVER. BUT THERE'S A WHOLE CATEGORY OF
6 DEATHS THAT FALL INTO THE JORGE T. CATEGORY. FRANKLY, I WAS
7 SURPRISED TO FIND THAT AFTER LEARNING ALL OF THE DETAILS OF
8 THAT CASE THAT ABUSE OR NEGLECT WAS NOT A FACTOR IN THAT--
9 CONSIDERED A DETERMINATIVE FACTOR IN THAT DEATH. I DON'T KNOW
10 WHAT YOUR REACTION TO IT WAS OR IF YOU'VE LOOKED AT THOSE
11 DETAILS EXTENSIVELY.

12

13 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THERE WERE CERTAIN FACTS THAT IN THAT CASE AND
14 IN OTHER CASES WHICH UNTIL WE GET TO THE S.B.39 PROCESS OR
15 UNTIL WE GET A COURT ORDER ON 827, THAT I DON'T THINK I CAN
16 DISCUSS IN DETAIL NOW IN PUBLIC SESSION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL HOW WOULD YOU GET TO THE S.B.39 PROCESS
19 IF IT WASN'T A RESULT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT? YOU'LL NEVER GET TO
20 IT, WILL YOU?

21

22 **ANDREA ORDIN:** IT IS A CONSTANT PROCESS. I MEAN IT IS NOT A
23 PROCESS THAT SAYS "ONCE YOU MAKE A FINDING OR YOU'RE NOT AT A
24 POINT THAT YOU BELIEVE IT'S ABUSE OR NEGLECT" YOU CAN CONTINUE
25 TO LOOK AT THAT FILE. YOU'RE CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE. YOU'RE



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1 TRYING TO GET LESSONS LEARNED. YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO
2 MIGHT BE DISCIPLINED. SO THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS AND AN
3 ONGOING PROCEEDING. SO ON ONE HAND, AS I SAID, YOU COULD STILL
4 HAVE PERHAPS AN ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDING. AND IT MAY BE SINCE
5 YOU HAVE THAT PARTICULAR CONCERN AND YOU ALSO-- YOU DO HAVE A
6 RIGHT TO LOOK AT THOSE DOCUMENTS. SO IF YOU, AS A MEMBER OF
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS A
8 GROUP WISHES TO LOOK AT THOSE CASE FILES, OTHERS OF YOUR
9 COLLEAGUES CERTAINLY HAVE.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I HAVE, TOO.

12

13 **ANDREA ORDIN:** AND SO YOU'RE CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO LOOK AT THAT
14 AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE PROFESSIONALS, OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING
15 AND WHY THEY CAME OUT THE WAY THEY DID AND IF THEY'RE STILL
16 LOOKING AT IT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HOW LONG-- I'M NOT GOING TO ASK YOU
19 THAT QUESTION. I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CASES. I THINK
20 YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHICH ONES I'M REFERRING TO WHERE IT'S
21 INEXPLICABLE TO ME HOW A FINDING OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OR BOTH
22 WERE NOT MADE. AND I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RATIONALE
23 FOR THAT OR THE MOTIVE BEHIND NOT MAKING THAT KIND OF A
24 FINDING. AND THE ONLY THING I CAN LAND ON IS THAT WHEN YOU
25 MAKE THAT KIND OF FINDING, IT TRIGGERS S.B.39. AND IT TRIGGERS



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1 A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT'S RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC,
2 WHICH THEN ENABLES THE PUBLIC TO GO TO REPORT UNDER A WELFARE
3 AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 827 PROCEEDING TO GET MORE
4 INFORMATION ABOUT ANY GIVEN CASE. IF YOU DON'T KNOW, IF THE
5 PUBLIC DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT A CASE, THEY CAN'T VERY WELL GO MAKE
6 A SECTION 827 MOTION BEFORE THE COURT.

7

8 **ANDREA ORDIN:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S NOT ACCURATE. IF, IN FACT--

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST REPEAT WHAT I SAID BECAUSE I
11 DON'T KNOW HOW IT COULDN'T BE ACCURATE. IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T
12 KNOW OF A CASE, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF MAKING A MOTION
13 BEFORE THE COURT BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE
14 CASE THAT THEY WOULD BE MAKING THE MOTION PURSUANT TO. SO IF
15 YOU'RE OPERATING IN THE DARK, YOU CAN'T MAKE-- A MEMBER OF THE
16 PUBLIC, WHETHER IT'S A MEMBER OF THE PRESS OR SAY STAKEHOLDER
17 OR A COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOR THAT MATTER, IF HE DOESN'T KNOW,
18 CAN'T MAKE THAT MOTION BEFORE THE COURT. THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN
19 MAKE A MOTION BEFORE THE COURT IS IF YOU HAVE SOME INFORMATION
20 ON WHICH YOU WANT TO BASE THAT MOTION. YOU CAN'T MAKE PHANTOM
21 MOTIONS, AM I CORRECT ON THAT?

22

23 **ANDREA ORDIN:** YOU ARE CORRECT ABOUT PHANTOM MOTIONS.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.



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2 **ANDREA ORDIN:** HOWEVER, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, JUST BECAUSE
3 OF THAT DIFFICULTY OF GETTING THAT INFORMATION, CERTAINLY IF
4 AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF A
5 DEATH, EITHER BECAUSE OF BEING A NEIGHBOR, BEING A TEACHER,
6 SEEING SOMETHING IN THE PAPER THAT MAKES THEM SUSPICIOUS, THAT
7 THAT'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CASE. BUT EVEN MORE
8 IMPORTANTLY, IN THE VERY RECENT PAST, IN THE LAST COUPLE
9 MONTHS, BECAUSE I THINK YOUR WHOLE BOARD HAS BEEN VERY
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THE ISSUES OF CHILD DEATH AND HAS TASKED NOT
11 ONLY THE DEPARTMENT BUT OUR OFFICE TO SEE IF THERE CANNOT BE
12 MORE TRANSPARENCY HERE. SO ONE OF THE PROCEDURES IS THAT MEDIA
13 MAY-- OR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC-- MEDIA MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE A
14 REQUEST WITHOUT KNOWING ANY NAMES, ANY INFORMATION AT ALL OVER
15 JUST A PERIOD OF TIME. AND WE HAVE SET UP A PROTOCOL WHICH
16 WILL ALLOW US TO GIVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA SO THAT
17 THEY CAN FILE 827S AND BE ABLE TO HAVE A PROCEDURE BY WHICH
18 EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T KNOW THE NAME OF THE MINOR-- AND THEY
19 STILL WON'T, MAYBE, AFTER 827, BECAUSE THE MINOR'S NAME IS ONE
20 THAT'S ALWAYS PROTECTED. BUT THERE IS A PROCEDURE THAT IS IN
21 PLACE NOW, HASN'T BEEN USED YET. THERE'S ONLY ONE 827 PENDING
22 AT THE MOMENT. BUT IT IS A PROCEDURE THAT WE HOPE WILL WORK TO
23 GET THAT INFORMATION OUT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULDN'T IT MAKE-- WOULDN'T IT BE MORE
2 DIRECT IF A CASE THAT WAS A CHILD DEATH WHICH WAS A RESULT OF
3 ABUSE OR NEGLECT, THAT THE FINDING WOULD BE MADE, IF A FINDING
4 WERE TO BE MADE TO THAT EFFECT, WOULDN'T IT BE A MORE DIRECT
5 APPROACH, AND MORE LIKELY THAT STAKEHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC, PRESS WOULD HAVE INFORMATION, AT LEAST ADEQUATE
7 INFORMATION TO MAKE AN 827 REQUEST OR 827 MOTION BEFORE THE
8 COURT, WOULDN'T IT BE A MORE DIRECT APPROACH IF THE S.B.39
9 PATH WERE TAKEN? ISN'T IT A LITTLE MORE PROBLEMATIC?

10

11 **ANDREA ORDIN:** AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY THAT STATUTE WAS PASSED
12 BECAUSE 827 HAS BEEN THERE FOREVER AND IT'S AN EXTREMELY
13 SALUTORY STATUTE AND IT IS DESIGNED TO DO THAT. IT DOES HAVE
14 SOME DIFFICULTIES IN THE ENFORCEMENT. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT
15 I HOPE THIS BOARD IS ASKING FOR, WHICH IS LET'S BE SURE WE
16 TRULY UNDERSTAND-- AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION-- TO TRULY
17 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PATHWAYS ARE, WHAT THE STANDARDS ARE, WHAT
18 THE STANDARDS SHOULD BE, AND TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD
19 ABOUT ALSO THE STATUS OF THINGS LIKE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT HOLDS
20 THAT ARE PRESENTLY HERE. SO I THINK THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS
21 MOTION IS DESIGNED TO DO AND WE'LL GET THAT INFORMATION AND
22 ALLOW THIS BOARD TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, TO WORK WITH THE
23 PROFESSIONALS IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND PERHAPS TO REACH OUT.
24 THERE WERE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, MAJOR DEPARTMENTS UP AND DOWN
25 THIS STATE THAT HAVE HAD TO GRAPPLE WITH THESE VERY SAME



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1 ISSUES. AND PERHAPS WE CAN GET SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THEM, AS
2 WELL.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS THE ISSUE FOR ME IS IN THE ACCURACY
5 AND THE TRUTH AND IN THE INFORMATION THAT'S BEING-- AND THE
6 CONCLUSIONS THAT ARE BEING REACHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN
8 KNOWING IS HOW MANY OTHER JORGE T. TYPE CASES ARE THERE WHERE
9 ARGUABLY THE DEATH MAY NOT HAVE COME AT THE HANDS OF ANOTHER,
10 BUT THE DEATH WAS CLEARLY CAUSED BY THE CUMULATIVE ABUSE AND
11 NEGLECT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME? AND I THINK THE DEPARTMENT HAS
12 AN INTEREST IN MINIMIZING THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT THEY PUT ON
13 THE S.B.39 LIST BECAUSE, FRANKLY, IT MAKES THEM LOOK BETTER.
14 THAT ONE MEMO THAT WAS FLOATING AROUND HERE LAST WEEK CITED
15 ONE CASE, ONE STATISTIC IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE RELEASED TO
16 THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES," TO US, TO THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" AND
17 I BELIEVE TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMISSION THAT
18 THERE HAS BEEN A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF S.B.39 CASES BETWEEN
19 2009 AND 2010. IT'S GONE FROM 8 TO 7 IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME
20 CORRECTLY. AND I'M NOT SURE THAT TELLS THE WHOLE STORY. AND
21 THIS IS NOT TRANSPARENCY JUST FOR THE PUBLIC. I THINK THERE'S
22 TRANSPARENCY FOR US, TOO. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CASES, AND
23 I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH EACH OF THEM. THE JORGE CASE HAS
24 BEEN ADEQUATELY DISCUSSED IN THE PRESS. I DON'T THINK WE'RE
25 TREADING ANY NEW GROUND HERE. BUT THERE ARE OTHER CASES OF A



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1 SIMILAR NATURE, NOT SUICIDE BUT OF A SIMILAR NATURE WHERE
2 CLEARLY ABUSE AND NEGLECT, OR NEGLECT, PLAYED A ROLE. AND I
3 THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. I WAS GOING TO BRING IN A
4 MOTION, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION TO ASK FOR
5 THAT, SO I'LL ASK FOR IT ON MY OWN AND GET THE INFORMATION
6 THAT I WANT. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GOING BACK AND REHASHING
7 EVERY CASE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. I'M INTERESTED IN HOW GOING
8 FORWARD WE CAN BE SURE WE'RE GETTING TRUTHFUL INFORMATION,
9 THAT WE'RE NOT HAVING INFORMATION WITHHELD FROM US BY THE
10 DEPARTMENT. I'M NOT SURE THAT UNLESS WE GET THE C.S.I.U.
11 INVOLVED OR YOUR OFFICE INVOLVED, AND I'LL JUST TAKE YOUR
12 RETICENT RESPONSES TO MY QUESTIONS AS NOT WANTING TO DISCUSS
13 IN PUBLIC WHAT MIGHT BE ARGUABLY AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE
14 ISSUE, BUT I'LL JUST SPEAK FOR MYSELF. I DON'T KNOW HOW
15 ANYBODY CAN READ SOME OF THESE CASES AND THEN FIND THAT THE
16 FINDING THAT HAS BEEN MADE HAS BEEN THAT IT WAS NOT A RESULT
17 OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, OR NO FINDING WHAT MADE THAT THERE WAS
18 ABUSE OR NEGLECT. THEN THE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE TO REPORT
19 IT TO US OR MAKE AN S.B.39 FILING OF IT. AND THEY REPORT TO US
20 THAT THE NUMBERS ARE DROPPING OR WHATEVER IT IS. I THINK
21 THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE. I HAVE NO PROBLEM
22 WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION. I THINK EVERYBODY OUGHT TO
23 KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE, INCLUDING THE BOARD AND THE
24 DEPARTMENT. BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN JUST THAT. THERE'S
25 JUDGMENT HERE. I'M NOT EVEN SURE HOW MUCH OF IT IS JUDGMENT.



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1 BUT I THINK SOMEBODY'S MAKING A CALL ON SOME OF THESE CASES
2 THAT JUST DON'T MEET THE SMELL TEST FOR ME. THE JORGE CASE,
3 WHICH EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT, IS A CLASSIC CASE OF THIS. THIS
4 IS A KID WHO HAD REPEATEDLY BEEN BEATEN, REPEATEDLY BEEN
5 ABUSED, HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM HIS MOTHER FOR A PERIOD OF 15
6 MONTHS, HAD COMPLAINED OF ABUSE THE MORNING HE COMMITTED
7 SUICIDE, HAD THREATENED TO COMMIT SUICIDE THAT MORNING,
8 COMMITTED SUICIDE LATER THAT DAY. AND WE CONCLUDED THAT, THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES CONCLUDED, THAT IT WAS
10 NOT A RESULT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT. IT DOESN'T ADD UP. AND IF
11 YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL REVIEWING
12 WHETHER IT WAS ABUSE OR NEGLECT, THAT'S NEWS TO ME. THEY MADE
13 THE FINDING. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THEY HAVE TO CHANGE
14 THEIR FINDING. BUT I WAS NOT AWARE THAT THEY WERE-- THAT THIS
15 WAS-- I DON'T KNOW OF ANY NEW INFORMATION THAT HAS COME TO THE
16 FORE SINCE THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION WAS DONE AND THE INITIAL
17 DOCUMENTATION WAS CREATED ON THIS CASE THAT WOULD CHANGE
18 ANYBODY'S MIND. I THINK THE SAME FACTS THAT APPLIED THEM APPLY
19 NOW AND IT WOULD JUST BE PERHAPS A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE SHOWN
20 BY THEM OR BY SOMEBODY ELSE IN THE DEPARTMENT. BUT I THINK
21 THIS IS AN ISSUE. I'M NOT GOING TO GO ON ANY FURTHER, MADAME
22 CHAIR, OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT I THINK TRANSPARENCY IS
23 IMPORTANT, NOT JUST FOR THE PUBLIC, IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR
24 THIS BOARD. TRANSPARENCY IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT
25 THAT IS BEING CALLED UPON TO BE TRANSPARENT BECAUSE TO ME,



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1 TRANSPARENCY IS ALSO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN OF HONESTY.
2 YOU'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO HONESTLY REPORT TO THE BOARD, LET THE
3 CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY. DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT
4 COMMIT THE SUICIDE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT
5 SUFFOCATE A CHILD. NOBODY IS SAYING THAT THE DIRECTOR OR THE
6 C.E.O. OR THE COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS
7 IN THE ROOM AND COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING ABOUT IT. BUT WHAT
8 WE CAN DO IS TRY TO PROMULGATE POLICIES AND RULES THAT ADDRESS
9 THIS KIND OF A SITUATION. IF WE KNOW THAT THERE'S ABUSE OR
10 NEGLECT, WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT ANOTHER JORGE FROM
11 HAPPENING? AND THERE ARE CERTAINLY LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM
12 THAT CASE AMONG OTHERS. BUT WHAT WE MIGHT HAVE DONE
13 DIFFERENTLY. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT, MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE
14 ALWAYS FOUGHT HARD FOR IS ACCOUNTABILITY AND CORRECTIVE
15 ACTIONS. AND CERTAINLY IN THIS CASE THERE OUGHT TO BE A
16 CORRECTIVE ACTION. BUT RIGHT NOW THERE'S NO ABUSE, NO NEGLECT.
17 EVERYTHING IS AS THOUGH IT WERE NORMAL, AND I'M TROUBLED BY
18 THAT. SO I'LL DEAL WITH THIS DIRECTLY WITH YOU OR IN THE
19 C.S.I.U. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET SOME INFORMATION THAT WILL
20 HELP US GOING FORWARD AVERT THESE KIND OF TRAGEDIES IN THE
21 FUTURE. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I WAS NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING,
24 BUT I MUST AFTER JUST WHAT YOU SAID. YOU KNOW, IT IS NOT-- NO
25 ONE HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ABUSE AND NEGLECT.



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1 AND THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO SAY THAT. I THINK WE NEED
2 A LEGAL CLARIFICATION OF THESE TWO STATUTES TO CLARIFY AS TO
3 WHAT PURPOSE. BUT OBVIOUSLY THIS FAMILY WAS ALREADY UNDER
4 REFERRAL AND THERE WERE ALREADY SERVICES THAT WERE BEING
5 PROVIDED. AND SO TO SAY THAT THAT, THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD
6 CONCLUDED THERE WAS NO ABUSE AND NEGLECT IS TOTALLY INCORRECT.
7 AND SO CONSEQUENTLY I THINK YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE-- I KNOW
8 YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MISINFORMING EVERYONE ABOUT WHAT THE
9 DEPARTMENT IS DOING OR NOT DOING. MANY OF US ARE TRYING TO GET
10 TO OUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THESE TWO STATUTES,
11 TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA AND CLARIFICATION. WE'RE NOT OPPOSED TO
12 TRANSPARENCY. THAT IS THE LAW. WE WANT TO HONOR THE LAW. BUT
13 AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN
14 PLACE THE OPPORTUNITIES-- AND MANY OF OUR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
15 AND MANY OF THE WORK THAT WE UNDERTAKE INVOLVE PERSONNEL
16 ITEMS, WHICH CONSEQUENTLY WE CANNOT DISCUSS IN A PUBLIC
17 SETTING. SO IT'S VERY INAPPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO POINT OUT THAT
18 THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS MAKING A DETERMINATION IT'S NOT ABUSE
19 AND NEGLECT IS INCORRECT. AND KEEP IN MIND, AS WELL, THAT IT
20 IS COUNTY COUNSEL THAT ADVISES THE DEPARTMENT AS IT ADVISES
21 US. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO QUERY COUNTY
24 COUNSEL AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S A SENSE THAT WE ARE NOT



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1 GETTING THE INFORMATION THAT WE SHOULD GET FROM THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE ARE GETTING EVERYTHING.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M QUERYING COUNTY COUNSEL, MADAME CHAIR,
7 JUST TO CLARIFY THE RECORD OF THE ASSERTION THAT WAS MADE,
8 WHICH I FIND TO BE RATHER EXTRAORDINARY, THAT SOMEHOW WE MAY
9 NOT BE GETTING ALL THAT IS GOING ON, AND THAT SOMEHOW THERE
10 MAY BE WORSE TRAGEDIES OCCURRING AND SOMEHOW THEY ARE NOT
11 FINDING THEIR WAY TO OUR ATTENTION. IN OTHER WORDS, REPORTS
12 THAT ARE SAYING THAT THERE ARE LESS THINGS GOING ON THAN NOT.
13 IS THERE ANY SENSE WHATSOEVER IN YOUR OFFICE THAT SUCH IS THE
14 CASE?

15

16 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** THIS BOARD RECEIVES REGULARLY FROM THE
17 DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION OF CHILD DEATH WITH GREAT DETAIL. IT
18 IS NOT A PUBLIC DOCUMENT. BUT YOU RECEIVE IT WITHIN 24 HOURS.
19 AND IF YOU THOUGHT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION IN THAT
20 CHILD DEATH REPORT, YOU, LIKE MANY OF THE OTHER SUPERVISORS
21 HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, CAN CALL FOR THE ACTUAL FILE. YOU CAN
22 TALK TO THE PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
23 SERVICES. YOU ARE THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTY. YOU ARE THE ONES
24 WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE AND LEADING THOSE DEPARTMENTS. SO YOU HAVE
25 THAT CAPACITY TO GET THAT INFORMATION. AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS



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1 BEEN PROVIDING THAT INFORMATION. CAN I SAY THAT THERE IS A
2 REPORT SOMEWHERE THAT WASN'T GIVEN TO US? CAN I SAY THAT THERE
3 HAS BEEN A FAILURE, NO FAILURES OF DISCRETION IN MAKING A
4 FINDING OF A CAUSE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT? NO, I CAN'T SAY THAT.
5 BUT I CAN SAY THAT THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO EACH AND
6 EVERY ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND MANY OF YOU, AND MANY OF
7 YOUR STAFF, SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS LOOKING AT THOSE FILES,
8 ASKING THE VERY QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKED HERE. WE MUST
9 REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE THE PRIOR MOTIONS, TOO, ABOUT THE
10 AUDITS. SO WE'RE IN THE PROCESS, IT SEEMS TO ME, AT LEAST IN
11 THE SIX MONTHS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE, OF REALLY TRYING TO GET
12 OUR HANDLE ON THOSE ISSUES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY, THEN I ASSUME THAT
15 YOU WOULD BE SUGGESTING, THEN, THAT SOME OF THIS ISSUE WILL BE
16 TREATED PURSUANT TO THE MOTION MADE BY MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR.
17 KNABE ON THE AUDIT. AND WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET A CLOSER
18 HANDLE ON THIS ITEM. MR. FUJIOKA, THEN, ANY KNOWLEDGE
19 WHATSOEVER THAT YOU HAVE THAT THERE IS INFORMATION THAT WE ARE
20 NOT RECEIVING SUCH THAT THERE WOULD BE REPORTS THAT SOMEHOW
21 REFLECT LESS OF THE TRAGEDIES THAT ARE OCCURRING THAN WHAT
22 MIGHT SQUARE WITH THE REALITY? ANY NOTION, ANY INFORMATION,
23 ANYTHING TO THAT EFFECT?

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WOULD SHARE THE SAME COMMENT THAT ANDREA
2 MADE, THAT A NUMBER OF REPORTS ARE GIVEN TO THIS BOARD. THIS
3 ISSUE IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN LOOK AT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
4 AUDIT. AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S-- THERE'S PROBABLY A
5 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUST IN THE MERE PRESENCE OF A REPORT AND
6 THE CONCLUSIONS IN A REPORT. AND SO WE CAN ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT I INFER THAT THE STATEMENT IS BEING
9 MADE THAT THE BOARD IS SOMEHOW BEING MISLED TO THINK THAT
10 THINGS LOOK BETTER THAN THEY ACTUALLY DO AND THAT DOCUMENTS
11 ARE NOT PERHAPS APPEARING THAT SHOULD. OR THAT THE NUMBERS ARE
12 SOMEHOW BEING MASSAGED OR SOMETHING OF THAT SORT. IS THERE A
13 REPRESENTATIVE OF C.S.I.U. HERE? I WANT TO ASK THE SAME
14 QUESTION OF THAT UNIT. IS THE LEAD COUNSEL FOR C.S.I.U. HERE?
15 IF NOT, THEY NEED TO BE HERE. I WANT TO KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT
16 THEIR POINT OF VIEW IS ON THIS MATTER. WITH YOUR PERMISSION,
17 MADAME CHAIR. ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY INTENTIONAL OR
20 DIRECT INTENT TO MISLEAD THIS BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M DRAWING A PRETTY STRONG INFERENCE. AND
23 IT OUGHT TO BE FOR THE RECORD.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: GOOD MORNING TO YOU. I ASSUME THAT YOU
HEARD THE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE, SOME OF WHICH SEEMS TO
STRONGLY IMPLY THAT PERHAPS WE, AS A BOARD, AND BY EXTENSION
WHATEVER OTHER ENTITIES, THE LEAST OF WHICH PERHAPS WOULD BE
THE PUBLIC, ARE NOT RECEIVING THE FULL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION
THAT WOULD ACCURATELY REFLECT THE STATE OF HARM BEING DONE TO
CHILDREN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILY SERVICES. IS THERE ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE TO
THAT EFFECT, THAT THERE MAY BE SOME UNDERSTATING OF THE
SERIOUSNESS AND THE FREQUENCY AND/OR THE NUMBER OF SUCH
PROBLEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO OUR ATTENTION?

13

SPEAKER: I DO KNOW THAT WITH RESPECT-- AND THERE'S A COUPLE
ISSUES AT PLAY-- WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE
BOARD, I DO KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT-- BECAUSE I GET COPIES OF
NEARLY EVERY CHILD DEATH AND I BELIEVE ALL OF THOSE ARE
REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

19

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YOU SAID OF NEARLY ALL OF THEM?

21

SPEAKER: I THINK ALL OF THEM ARE, BECAUSE I GET COPIES OF
NEARLY ALL OF THEM.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME ASK JUST THE QUESTION THERE. ARE
2 YOU SUPPOSED TO GET COPIES OF ALL OF THEM?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I GET COPIES OF ALL THE CASES WHERE THERE'S D.C.F.S.
5 HISTORY. AND I KNOW THAT THOSE ARE ALL REPORTED TO THE BOARD
6 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN AN S.B.39 DESIGNATION OR
7 NOT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I GUESS YOU USED THE TERM "NEARLY" WHICH
10 IS PROBABLY WHAT CONCERNS ME. I WANT TO KNOW IF YOU ARE
11 RECEIVING ALL OF THEM.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PURSUANT TO THE EXPECTATION THAT YOU
16 SHOULD RECEIVE ALL OF THEM.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** AND I BELIEVE I AM GETTING ALL OF THEM. THE OTHER
19 ISSUE AT PLAY, THOUGH, WHICH WAS THE ISSUE THAT HAD MORE
20 DISCUSSION IS WHETHER THE S.B.39 LIST, WHICH IS THE LIST
21 THAT'S AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** COULD HAVE MORE CASES ON IT AND WHETHER IT'S BEEN
2 INTERPRETED NARROWLY. AND THERE ARE CASES, I THINK, IT DEPENDS
3 ON WHETHER THE LIST SHOULD BE MORE EXPANSIVE OR MORE NARROWLY
4 CONSTRUED. I THINK IT COULD BE CONSTRUED IN A MORE EXPANSIVE
5 WAY IF THAT WAS THE DESIRE.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU THINK IT COULD IF THAT WAS THE DESIRE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THERE COULD BE MORE CASES. THERE IS A
10 CONFUSION BETWEEN THE STATE RIGHTS AND THE STATE STATUTES, AND
11 SO THE REGULATIONS MAKE IT NARROWER. THE STATUTE MAKES IT A
12 LITTLE BROADER. AND I THINK THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION AS TO
13 THAT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SO IN WHAT CONTEXT HAVE YOU
16 SHARED THAT CONCERN THAT YOU JUST ARTICULATED? THAT IT MIGHT
17 BE YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE INTERPRETED MORE BROADLY.
18 AND THEN FROM THAT POINT, WOULD YOU SAY WHAT YOU THINK THE
19 OBJECTIVE TO BE SERVED WOULD BE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THE CLARIFICATION, WHICH IS THE CLARIFICATION
22 THAT'S BEING SOUGHT THIS WEEK IS EXACTLY THAT CLARIFICATION,
23 TO SEE WHETHER THE CLARIFICATION AMONG ALL PARTIES INVOLVED AS
24 TO WHAT THE LAW IS, WHAT THE DIRECTIVE IS TO THE DEPARTMENT,
25 TO ENSURE THAT SHE HAS THE SUPPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE



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1 APPLICABLE LAW AND CAN DISCHARGE THAT DUTY FAITHFULLY. BECAUSE
2 THERE IS SOME CONFUSION RIGHT NOW AS TO WHAT THE LAW IS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. BUT I THINK I HEARD YOU SAY YOU THINK
5 IT COULD BE. AND I INTERPRET THAT TO MEAN THAT YOU THINK IT
6 WOULD NOT BE A BAD IDEA TO BE, RIGHT?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** FOR EXAMPLE, SOME OF THE CASES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I NEED YOU TO ANSWER MY QUESTION MORE
11 DIRECTLY IF YOU WOULD.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. WHAT I'M SAYING IS I THINK THERE ARE
14 CATEGORIES OF CASES, SUCH AS WAS BROUGHT UP BY SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** FOR INSTANCE, PEOPLE WHO PERHAPS ARE UNDER THE
20 INFLUENCE OR PASS OUT ON TOP OF A CHILD, THAT COULD BE
21 CONSTRUED AS NEGLECT IN MY OPINION. THAT'S AN EXAMPLE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ANSWERED THE EARLIER
24 QUESTION. HAVE YOU RAISED THIS ISSUE BEFORE? AND IN WHAT
25 CONTEXT HAS IT BEEN RAISED?



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2 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT I THINK SINCE S.B.39, WHICH
3 BECAME OPERATIVE I BELIEVE IN 2008 HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF
4 SOME DISCUSSION I THINK WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
5 COUNSEL AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS FAR AS PROMULGATING THE
6 PROCESS AND WAITING FOR THE REGS. WITH RESPECT TO ROLE IN
7 C.S.I.U. IT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED UNTIL RECENTLY.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH WHOM?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WITHIN THE LAST WEEK SINCE THIS MOTION WAS FILED ON
12 FRIDAY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH COUNTY COUNSEL?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE I AM.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE CONCERN THAT YOU HAVE THAT IS BEING
19 INTERPRETED MORE EXPANSIVELY RATHER THAN NARROWLY HAS BEEN
20 DISCUSSED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AND YOU ARE PART OF AN ONGOING
21 CONVERSATION TO TRY TO FIGURE THIS OUT?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** NO, JUST WHEN I BECAME AWARE OF THE MOTION, YESTERDAY
24 I HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS TO TRY TO PREPARE FOR TODAY WITH COUNTY
25 COUNSEL AS TO THE MOTION THAT WAS PENDING.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE BOARD'S BENEFIT
3 AND CERTAINLY FOR THE CLARIFICATION OR THE EDIFICATION OF THE
4 VIEWING PUBLIC, JUST GIVE SOME INSIGHTS INTO THE ROLE OF YOUR
5 UNIT SO THAT IT'S CLEAR AS TO WHERE YOU FILL IN THE PROCESS?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THE ROLE OF MY UNIT?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I INVESTIGATE CHILD FATALITY CASES THAT ARE ASSIGNED
12 TO ME BY EITHER THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, BY ANY INDIVIDUAL
13 SUPERVISOR OR BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
14 AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND I CONDUCT REVIEWS OF THOSE CASES,
15 INVESTIGATE THE CASES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO--
16 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHETHER IT'S POLICY CHANGE,
17 LEGISLATIVE CHANGE, ANY CHANGE THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE DELIVERY
18 OF THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES IN THIS COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND ONCE HAVING DRAWN A PARTICULAR
21 CONCLUSION ABOUT A CASE, THEN WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP THAT YOU
22 TAKE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I PREPARE A FULL REPORT FOR THE SUPERVISORS. THEY ARE
25 ATTORNEY/CLIENT REPORTS THAT CONTAIN A FACTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE



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1 CASE, A SUMMARY OF THE CASE AS WELL AS MY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
2 REFORM.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND TO DATE HOW MANY SUCH CASES HAVE YOU
5 BROUGHT FORWARD?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE MY-- I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU AN
8 APPROXIMATION BECAUSE I HAVE SOME THAT ARE NEARLY DONE.
9 PERHAPS SEVEN OR EIGHT?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SEVEN OR EIGHT?

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13 **SPEAKER:** SEVEN OR EIGHT.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IS THERE A BACKLOG?

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17 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A BACKLOG, YES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WHAT IS THAT BACKLOG?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED-- THE SEVEN OR EIGHT CASES, JUST
22 SO I CAN CLARIFY, SOME OF THEM ARE COMBINED REPORTS. I HAVE
23 RESOLVED APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 20, PERHAPS 22 OF THE CASES
24 ASSIGNED TO ME. THESE ARE ESTIMATES. BUT I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED
25 ABOUT 50 CASES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABOUT 50 CASES TO DATE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** UH-HUH.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND 7 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN--

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8 **SPEAKER:** 7 COMBINED REPORTS THAT RESOLVE ABOUT 20 TO 22 OF THE
9 CASES.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WHAT, FOR THE PURPOSES, SINCE WE'RE
12 TRYING TO FLUSH OUT, AS BEST AS POSSIBLE, SOME OF THE POLICY
13 IMPLICATIONS AND THE LEGAL ISSUES, WHERE IS IT THAT WE STAND
14 IN TERMS OF YOUR MOVING FORWARD ANY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
15 PURSUANT TO YOUR CONCLUSIONS OR FINDINGS? AND WHAT IS THE
16 STATUS OF THE FEEDBACK THAT YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED REGARDING
17 YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY NEGATIVE FEEDBACK ON ANY OF
20 MY RECOMMENDATIONS. I'VE ISSUED 20 SOME. THEY RELATE PRIMARILY
21 TO D.C.F.S., BUT SOME RELATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
22 HEALTH, AS WELL. WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
23 HEALTH, THEY HAVE IMPLEMENTED ALL MY RECOMMENDATIONS OR ARE IN
24 THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THEM. WITH RESPECT TO D.C.F.S.,
25 SEVERAL HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. SOME ARE NOT. SOME ARE LONG-



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1 TERM. SOME ARE EASIER TO IMPLEMENT. I MEET MONTHLY WITH THE
2 DEPARTMENT AND I'VE RECENTLY INCLUDED THE C.E.O. IN THOSE
3 MEETINGS. AND WE KEEP WORKING AT IT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE IS
6 A SIGNIFICANT POINT OF CLARIFICATION THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE
7 WROUGHT REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
8 WHATEVER DEPARTMENT, BE IT MENTAL HEALTH, D.C.F.S., ET CETERA.
9 ANY ENTITY CAN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION. THE QUESTION IS, WHAT IS
10 THE MERIT OR THE STATUS OF THAT RECOMMENDATION AND HOW IS IT
11 TO BE EVALUATED, AND WHO IS THE FINAL ARBITER OF WHETHER THAT
12 IS IMPLEMENTED, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME? AND SO WHEN YOU SAY THAT
13 SOME HAVE BEEN, SOME HAVEN'T BEEN, THAT LEAVES IT MORE OPEN-
14 ENDED THAN I'M COMFORTABLE WITH. AND SO THIS MAY BE A MATTER
15 THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO REVISIT, PARTICULARLY IF THOSE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUCH, I HAVEN'T FOUND THEIR WAY TO THE
17 BOARD OR TO THE C.E.O. IN TERMS OF THE OFFICE MAKING SURE THAT
18 THE RECOMMENDATIONS GET A FAIR HEARING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, THE OFFICE OF C.S.I.U. IS TO BE THE
21 INDEPENDENT LAWYER FOR THE BOARD. TO BE THE DIRECT CONTACT FOR
22 US AS SUPERVISORS TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR DUTIES
23 AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LAW, TO TAKE THOSE
24 INVESTIGATIONS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE
25 WORTHWHILE. AND CERTAINLY THIS ISSUE OF S.B.39 AND 839 IS NOT



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1 A DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. IT SHOULD BE A CONCLUSION
2 THAT OUR OWN LAWYER, WHO IS INDEPENDENT, WOULD MAKE TO US AND
3 RECOMMEND. BUT OBVIOUSLY THAT HASN'T BEEN THE CASE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THEN IF THAT'S THE CASE, MADAME CHAIR,
6 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ENTIRETY OF THIS MATTER NEEDS TO BE
7 REVISITED.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS WHY MY MOTION IS IN PLACE. THE MOTION IS
10 IN PLACE BECAUSE I'M ASKING THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW
11 TO GIVE US A CLEAR REVIEW OF THIS LAW, SINCE THAT HASN'T BEEN
12 DONE INDEPENDENTLY. AND HOPEFULLY HAVE THAT DISCUSSION NEXT
13 WEEK WITH A CLEAR MEMORANDUM TO ALL OF US SO THAT THERE CAN BE
14 A PUBLIC DIALOGUE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT ISSUES HERE. S.B.39 AND
15 827, SECTION 827, AGAIN ARE ISSUES OF TRANSPARENCY. AND SO
16 TRANSPARENCY IS TO THE PUBLIC, WHETHER IT GETS PRINTED IN THE
17 PAPER OR NOT. OR WHETHER SOMEONE HAS ACCESS TO THIS
18 INFORMATION. BUT AS FAR AS ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION, THIS
19 BOARD HAS HAD ACCESS TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE DOCUMENTS,
20 THAT INFORMATION THE PROCESS, THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. WHAT WE
21 HAVE NOT HAD IS THE KIND OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW THAT WE'VE
22 NEEDED. SO THAT IS THE ISSUE AND THAT IS WHAT WE'LL BE
23 DISCUSSING NEXT WEEK WHEN THIS MOTION IS APPROVED AND SENT TO
24 THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW TO COME BACK WITH A LEGAL
25 CLARIFICATION THAT WE NEED. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT--



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST ONE QUESTION I HAVE OF
3 THE C.S.I.U.? TYPICALLY HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO, AFTER A
4 CHILD'S DEATH, TO MAKE A DETERMINATION WHETHER IT'S AN S.B.39
5 CASE OR NOT?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE THREE
8 DETERMINATIONS THAT CAN BE MADE, BY THREE ENTITIES. IF THE
9 CORONER MAKES A CONCLUSION, THAT WOULD PUT IT IN, OR IF LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW QUICK THEY WORK, OR THE
11 DEPARTMENT MAKES A DETERMINATION THAT THE ALLEGATION THAT THE
12 CHILD WAS KILLED IN A MANNER, THAT IT WAS A SUBSTANTIATED
13 ALLEGATION OF ABUSE, I GUESS IS THE WAY TO SAY IT, THAT
14 RESULTED IN THE FATALITY. HOW LONG THEY TAKE, I DON'T KNOW. I
15 THINK IT VARIES FOR THEM DEPENDING UPON THEIR INVESTIGATION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT IS OUR LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER S.B.39?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A TIMEFRAME UPON WHICH THEY
20 HAVE TO MAKE THAT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FIVE DAYS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** FIVE DAYS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIVE DAYS FOR WHOM TO MAKE A DETERMINATION?
2 FOR D.C.F.S.?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FOR US TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. THE QUESTION WAS: HOW LONG-- MY QUESTION
7 WAS, TYPICALLY HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A DETERMINATION TO BE
8 MADE WHETHER A CHILD DEATH IS AN S.B.39 CASE? IS AN ABUSE OR
9 NEGLECT, DEATH CAUSED BY ABUSE OR NEGLECT? I THINK YOU
10 UNDERSTOOD MY QUESTION AND YOU ANSWERED IT. WELL MY QUESTION:
11 A CORONER CAN MAKE A DETERMINATION IN 24, 48 HOURS OR HE CAN
12 MAKE A DETERMINATION, DEPENDING UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE
13 DEATH, IN SIX OR EIGHT WEEKS OR LONGER SOMETIMES. LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT IS LAW ENFORCEMENT. DOES D.C.F.S. WAIT TYPICALLY
15 TO HEAR WHAT THE CORONER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS SAID OR DO
16 THEY MAKE AN INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT BASED UPON THEIR FILES AND
17 UNDERSTANDING OF THE CASE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** IN MY EXPERIENCE, IT SOMETIMES DEPENDS ON WHETHER
20 THEY'RE SIBLINGS. IF THERE WERE NO OTHER SIBLINGS AND THERE
21 WAS NO ACTION FOR THEM TO TAKE TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THERE'S
22 SIBLINGS AT RISK, I THINK THAT THEY'RE IN A MORE COMFORTABLE
23 SPOT TO WAIT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OTHER CHILDREN THAT THEY
24 NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON. WHEN THERE ARE OTHER CHILDREN WHO MAY
25 BE AT RISK. I THINK THEY SPEED THE PROCESS UP TO TRY TO



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1 DETERMINE WHETHER THOSE CHILDREN NEED TO BE DETAINED, REMOVED
2 FROM THE HOME AND WHETHER COURT PROTECTION IS NEEDED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHAT IS THE LONGEST
5 AMOUNT OF TIME IS TAKEN SINCE S.B.39 WENT INTO EFFECT FOR A
6 CASE TO WORK ITS WAY ONTO THE LIST, THE S.B.39 LIST?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE AN EXACT NUMBER OF DAYS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DAYS RATHER THAN WEEKS? WEEKS RATHER THAN
11 MONTHS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** IT WOULD BE WEEKS RATHER THAN MONTHS. I'VE NEVER SEEN
14 THEM WAIT MONTHS ON A CASE. I THINK ON A MORE COMPLICATED CASE
15 IT COULD TAKE WEEKS. THEY MAKE AN INITIAL DETERMINATION THAT
16 COULD CHANGE AS FACTS ARE DISCOVERED.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS MY QUESTION TO YOU, MS. ORDIN IS,
19 THE JORGE T. CASE HAS NOT MADE IT TO THE S.B.39 LIST. NO
20 FINDING WAS MADE THAT WOULD HAVE RENDERED IT THAT WOULD HAVE
21 PUT IT ON THE S.B.39 LIST?

22

23 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF LANGUAGE ISSUE
24 HERE. IF I CAN JUST GO THROUGH IT. THE VERY FIRST DECISION
25 UNDER S.B.39 THAT HAS TO BE MADE IS IF THERE'S A REASONABLE



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1 SUSPICION THAT ABUSE OR NEGLECT CAUSED THAT FATALITY. THAT'S
2 THE ONE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS REFERRING TO THAT IS
3 SUPPOSED TO BE MADE IN FIVE DAYS. NOW, THE AMOUNT OF
4 DOCUMENTATION THAT GETS RELEASED IN THAT SITUATION IS PRETTY
5 MINOR ON THAT VERY FIRST DECISION. IT'S JUST THE CHILD'S AGE,
6 GENDER, DATE OF DEATH AND WHETHER THE CHILD WAS LIVING IN THE
7 HOME OR PARENT OR GUARDIAN OR FOSTER CARE AT THE TIME OF THE
8 DEATH AND WHETHER AN INVESTIGATION IS GOING FORWARD.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL VERY INTERESTING. BUT MY QUESTION
11 WAS, IS THE JORGE T. CASE AN S.B.39 CASE AS WE SIT HERE TODAY,
12 YES OR NO?

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14 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I BELIEVE THAT THAT DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE
15 AS TO THE SECOND DETERMINATION, WHICH IS THE ONE THAT'S
16 IMPORTANT, WHERE D.C.F.S. HAS 10 BUSINESS DAYS EITHER FROM THE
17 REQUEST OR THE DETERMINATION THAT ABUSE AND NEGLECT WAS A
18 CAUSE OF THE DEATH OR LED TO THE DEATH. THAT'S THE TEST. IT'S
19 NOT WHETHER IT'S ABUSE OR NEGLECT. IT'S THE CAUSATION.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

22

23 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I'M SURE YOU DO. BUT I'M NOT SURE IT'S BEEN
24 ABSOLUTELY CLEAR.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE WHOLE S.B.39 LAW IS WHETHER ABUSE OR
2 NEGLECT CONTRIBUTED TO THE-- WAS THE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF A
3 CHILD. THAT'S THE WHOLE NEXUS HERE. BUT AS WE SIT HERE TODAY,
4 I GUESS AS WE SIT HERE TODAY, THE JORGE T. CASE IS NOT AN
5 S.B.39 CASE. AS WE SIT HERE TODAY, THAT'S RIGHT. THE QUESTION,
6 ARE YOU TELLING THE BOARD THAT THAT INVESTIGATION IS STILL
7 ONGOING? OR ARE YOU SUSPECT IT IS OR YOU ASSUME IT IS? OR DO
8 YOU KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THIS ISSUE IS STILL BEING
9 INVESTIGATED AS TO WHETHER IT'S AN S.B.39 CASE?

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11 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I BELIEVE THAT MATTER IS STILL BEING
12 INVESTIGATED AS AN S.B.39 CASE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU BELIEVE OR YOU KNOW?

15

16 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I BELIEVE. AND ALL YOU'D HAVE TO SAY IS
17 "INVESTIGATED" AND IT'S S.B.39 AND THEN I'LL KNOW.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, SAY IT AGAIN?

20

21 **ANDREA ORDIN:** IF YOU SAY TO THE DEPARTMENT "I WANT YOU TO
22 CONTINUE THAT INVESTIGATION AS AN S.B.39," THEN I WOULD KNOW
23 IT WAS BEING INVESTIGATED AS AN S.B.39.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF WHO WOULD SAY? THE BOARD?



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2 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THE BOARD.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THE BOARD HAS EVER INJECTED
5 ITSELF INTO THAT, MAKING THAT KIND OF A JUDGMENT. I'VE ALWAYS
6 ASSUMED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
7 WOULD MAKE A CLEAN, UNBIASED LOOK AT THE FACTS OF THE CASE AND
8 MAKE A DETERMINATION. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE EVER DIRECTED A
9 CASE THAT WAS NOT ON THE S.B.39 LIST BE PUT OR THAT AN
10 INVESTIGATION BE PURSUED. I THINK THAT NOT SINCE THIS LAW WENT
11 INTO EFFECT. SO I DON'T THINK-- MAYBE OTHERS DO. I DON'T THINK
12 YOU WANT-- I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE TO BE ADJUDICATING THIS.
13 I'M NOT THE EXPERT. WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHEN THE
14 INFORMATION COMES TO MY ATTENTION OR WHEN I READ A FILE AS I
15 DID IN THIS CASE. AND IT LAYS OUT THE WAY IT DOES. AND IT
16 DOESN'T COME OUT AS AN S.B.39 CASE, I THINK IT'S A LEGITIMATE
17 QUESTION THAT ANY REASONABLE PERSON WOULD ASK: WHY NOT? BUT IF
18 YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT IT'S NOT A CLOSED
19 ISSUE, WE'LL WAIT AND SEE. HOW LONG AGO HAS IT BEEN? IT'S BEEN
20 ALMOST-- WHEN DID JORGE T. DIE?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AGO.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS IT? JUNE? JUNE 10TH. IT'S BEEN 2-
25 1/2 MONTHS. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT, AGAIN, AND I DON'T

3 KNOW WHAT ACHIEVEMENT IS GOING ON. THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF MY

4 MOTION IS TO GET CLARIFICATION, TO GET A LEGAL CLARIFICATION,

5 INDEPENDENT, SINCE WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN IT AS YET FROM OUR LAWYER

6 WHO IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE US THIS INFORMATION, SO WE'RE NOW

7 GOING TO GET SO WE CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION. THE POINT BEING THAT

8 IF WE HAVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES S.B.39, LET'S GET THEM

9 OUT. IF WE HAVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER 827, THEN

10 LET'S MAKE SURE THE DEPARTMENT CARRIES IT OUT. BUT RIGHT NOW

11 WE'RE OPERATING IN THIS CONFUSION OF FOG AND ACCUSATIONS.

12 NUMBER ONE, LET'S REMEMBER WHO LEGALLY ADVISES THE DEPARTMENT

13 OF CHILDREN SERVICES: COUNTY COUNSEL. COUNTY COUNSEL HAS THAT

14 RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL THEM WHAT IS THEIR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

15 UNDER S.B.39 AND 827. WHO ADVISES US? COUNTY COUNSEL. AND,

16 AGAIN, THAT IS WHY WE'VE ASKED FOR THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW SO

17 THAT WE WOULD NOT BE IN A SITUATION. AGAIN, ALL WE ARE TRYING

18 TO DO IS MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING THE LAW. WE'RE

19 RESPECTING THE TRANSPARENCY. BUT I THINK MORE IMPORTANT THAN

20 ANYTHING ELSE, THERE HAS BEEN ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE

21 THAT BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DOESN'T KNOW, WE ARE NOT TAKING CARE

22 OF THOSE ACTIONS. THAT IS THE MOST UNTRUE STATEMENT. RIGHT

23 NOW, WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING, INCLUDING TRYING TO SECURE AN

24 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THOSE CASES, SEPARATE AND APART FROM

25 COUNTY COUNSEL, SEPARATE AND APART FROM CHILDREN'S SERVICES,



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1 SO THAT WE AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD-- AND THIS STEMMED FROM THE
2 LANCE HELMS CASE IN DAY ONE. AND WE WILL GET EVERY BIT OF
3 INFORMATION THAT WE ASKED FOR. AND WE GET IT USUALLY WITHIN A
4 DAY AFTER THAT DEATH OCCURS. AND WE CONTINUE TO ASK ALL DAY
5 LONG. SO TRYING TO LEAD THE PUBLIC TO BELIEVE THAT WE AS
6 SUPERVISORS ARE BEING DENIED INFORMATION IS A TOTAL
7 MISREPRESENTATION. GRANTED, I WISH WE HAD A SOLUTION FOR EVERY
8 SINGLE ONE OF THEM. I REALLY WISH WE HAD AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW
9 SO THAT IN FACT THEY COULD GIVE US A PATHWAY TO SOME OF THESE
10 SOLUTIONS. MANY OF US PUT IN PLACE AND ASK FOR CORRECTIVE
11 ACTIONS. SOME OF THEM INVOLVE IN POOR PERSONNEL ACTIONS,
12 VIOLATIONS OF PROTOCOL, PROCEDURES AND SO ON. AND THERE ARE
13 CORRECTIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT TO
14 MISLEAD THE PUBLIC THAT WE ARE SITTING HERE WITH OUR FINGERS
15 IN OUR EARS AND NOT TAKING ACTION IS MISLEADING EVERYONE.
16 RIGHT NOW, HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET THIS LAW CLARIFIED ONCE AND
17 FOR ALL, UNDERSTAND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THAT AS MEMBERS
18 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO AT THE END OF THE DAY ARE
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DEPARTMENT, GET THAT DISCUSSION GOING SO
20 THERE'S A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OUR PUBLIC DUTY IS, WHAT
21 OUR DUTY TO TRANSPARENCY IS, WHAT OUR DUTY IS. BUT IN THE
22 INTERIM, LET NO ONE UNDERSTAND OR MISUNDERSTAND THAT WE AS
23 MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORS ARE BEING DENIED ANY INFORMATION,
24 INCLUDING PERSONNEL RECORDS, INCLUDING ALL THE CASE MANAGEMENT
25 OF THESE CASES. AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO CARRY OUT AND CREATE



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1 POLICIES IN MANY INSTANCES THAT DO INVOLVE PERSONNEL. SO THEY
2 CONSEQUENTLY CANNOT BE MADE PUBLIC. SO WITH THAT, I MOVE THIS
3 MOTION. SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL
4 RIGHT. NOW WE HAVE ITEM 10 IS COMPLETED? ALL RIGHT. LET ME
5 JUST GET ITEM 10.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY MYSELF,
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO
11 ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION? AS YOU
14 KNOW, FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT AT THE ARCADIA POOL, WE HAD BEEN
15 INFORMED THAT THIS WAS GOING TO COST APPROXIMATELY \$80,000 TO
16 MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO REOPEN THAT POOL. AND THE
17 DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT THE POOL WOULD BE
18 DEMOLISHED AND THEREFORE THERE WERE ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT IN
19 THE POOL SEASON AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A FISCALLY PRUDENT
20 MOVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THOSE REPAIRS. SO THE QUESTION I'D
21 LIKE TO ASK THE DIRECTOR: YOU INITIALLY SAID SEPTEMBER OF THIS
22 YEAR WOULD BE THE DEMOLITION OF THAT POOL. WHEN WOULD
23 CONSTRUCTION BEGIN ON THAT POOL?

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. RUSS GUINEY, DIRECTOR
2 OF PARKS AND RECREATION. WE'RE WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS RIGHT
3 NOW, WHO IS HANDLING THIS PROJECT, TO GET THE EARLIEST
4 POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION DATE THAT WE HAVE. RIGHT NOW, TO THE
5 BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, BECAUSE OF THE DEMOLITION WORK THAT
6 WOULD HAVE TO OCCUR AND THE PLANS THAT HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED,
7 THE CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND PROBABLY
8 AT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER WOULD BE THE EARLIEST.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO 2013?

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12 **RUS GUINEA:** OF 2011. PROBABLY THE FALL OF 2011 CONSTRUCTION
13 COULD BEGIN. SO THAT'S A YEAR FROM NOW.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ABOUT A YEAR CONSTRUCTION.

16

17 **RUSS GUINEY:** AND THEN A YEAR CONSTRUCTION. SO THAT WOULD TAKE
18 US INTO THE FALL OF 2012. AND THE LATEST PROJECTION IS THE NEW
19 POOL COULDN'T OPEN UNTIL THE SPRING OF 2013.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SO I'M PUTTING A MOTION FOR NEXT
22 WEEK'S AGENDA THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE PARKS
23 DIRECTOR OF RECREATION TO MAKE THOSE REPAIRS SO THAT THE POOL
24 BE REOPENED BY NEXT SUMMER. THAT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR
25 NEXT WEEK.



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2 **RUSS GUINEY:** VERY GOOD.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THEN ON ANOTHER
5 ITEM, BILL IS-- MR. FUJIOKA? IN TODAY'S ASSOCIATED PRESS
6 REPORTS I HAD STATING THAT PAYMENTS BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
7 TO COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS WILL NOW BE DELAYED? THEY'RE GOING TO
8 DELAY \$2.9 BILLION A MONTH IN PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
9 COUNTIES SOONER THAN EXPECTED SO THE STATE COULD MEET THEIR
10 DEBT AND PENSION OBLIGATIONS. HOW DOES THAT IMPACT OUR
11 FINANCIAL STABILITY? IT APPEARS LIKE THE STATE NOW IS ASKING
12 SCHOOLS AND COUNTIES, I WOULD SAY CITIES AS WELL, TO PAY FOR
13 THEIR DEFICIT AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN WE HAVE OUR OWN
14 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT ISSUE RIGHT NOW. WE'LL
17 HAVE A REPORT TO YOU IF NOT LATER TODAY, BY TOMORROW.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID WE KNOW THEY WERE GOING TO DELAY? OR DID
20 THIS JUST HAPPEN WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GIVEN WHERE THEY'RE AT, I WOULD SAY THEIR
23 USUAL BUDGET CYCLE, BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS LIKE THIS
24 IN THE PAST, THE TIMING WAS A SURPRISE, BUT GIVEN THAT THEY



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1 DON'T HAVE A BUDGET, IT WAS SOMEWHAT ANTICIPATED. WE DIDN'T
2 KNOW IT HAPPENED TODAY, THOUGH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS REALLY CRAZY.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IF WE COULD HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF
9 MENTAL HEALTH AND DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF
10 REPRESENTATIVE HERE, IF WE COULD HIGHLIGHT, YOU SENT A MEMO
11 OUT ON AUGUST 16TH WITH THE RECENT REPORT ON THE IMPACT THAT
12 THE STATE'S NONREVOCABLE PAROLE AND EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM IS
13 HAVING ON THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE FISCAL IMPACT THAT
14 IT IS CURRENTLY IMPACTING US, WHICH IS QUITE SHOCKING. THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THEY HAVE OVER \$2.5 MILLION OF
16 SERVICES BEING PROVIDED BY OUR MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO
17 INCLUDE MEDICATION, OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND INPATIENT
18 ADMISSIONS. OF THAT, OVER 1.8 MILLION WAS FOR INPATIENT
19 ADMISSIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WAS OVER
20 \$560,000 EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. AND THE MONTHLY COSTS ARE
21 RISING EACH MONTH SINCE FEBRUARY. THE SHERIFF, HIS COSTS ARE
22 OVER \$133,000 FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE CONTRACT AND SEARCH
23 NONREVOCABLE PAROLEES. SO THAT GRAND TOTAL RIGHT NOW IS NEARLY
24 \$3.25 MILLION WHICH IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE, SO HOW CAN WE
25 CONTINUE TO BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE STATE THAT NOW



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1 THEY'RE DELAYING THEIR PAYMENT TO US, BUT WE ARE ALSO HAVING
2 TO PAY FOR THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS SINCE THIS WENT INTO EFFECT
3 A FEW MONTHS AGO, IT'S ALREADY \$3.25 MILLION. I MEAN SOMEHOW
4 WE CAN'T CONTINUE THE COSTS WITHOUT HAVING SEVERE IMPACTS IN
5 DELIVERY OF SERVICES THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT THROUGH OUR UNFUNDED
8 MANDATE PROGRAM. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE TRACKING. BUT
9 IT'S A RELATIVELY, LIKE I SAID, NEW PROGRAM. BUT WE DO NEED TO
10 TRACK IT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND YOU GIVE THESE REPORTS MONTHLY?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THEY COMING OUT MONTHLY?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE SO.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THOSE ARE MY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, COULD
25 WE GO BACK TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 1? AND IT ALSO RELATES TO ITEM



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1 NO. 3-D, THIS WAS THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE TABULATION HAS
2 BEEN COMPLETED?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THIS ITEM, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS,
7 A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
8 AGAINST THE SPECIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND LEVYING OF
9 ASSESSMENT PROPOSED OR AS MODIFIED BY YOUR BOARD TO FUND
10 BUSINESS-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN FLORENCE
11 AVENUE PROPERTIES AND BUSINESS DISTRICT. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD
12 BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO TERMINATE THE PROCEEDINGS AND
13 REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
14 THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO ITEM NO. 3-D, TO REFER THE ITEM BACK
15 TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT
19 ITEM.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND, MADAME CHAIR, ON ITEM NO. 10, IF WE
22 COULD ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION. THE MOTION WAS MOVED BY
23 YOURSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH ACTUALLY IS A NO VOTE ON THE ITEM.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO OBJECTION? RECONSIDERATION IS ORDERED.

8 AND THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY MYSELF.

9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND THEN WILL BE RECORDED

10 ACCORDINGLY?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE

13 ITEMS FOR TODAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS -- OR PUBLIC

14 SPEAKERS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT IF I COULD ASK

17 ARACELI FLORES TO PLEASE JOIN US, JEN WOODARD, ELIZABETH ORECK

18 AND MARK GOFF. ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD BEGIN WITH MISS FLORES?

19 OKAY. YOU NEED A TRANSLATOR. OKAY. THEN LET'S START WITH JEN

20 WOODARD?

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22 **SPEAKER:** IT WILL MAKE MORE SENSE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

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1 **MARK GOFF:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK GOFF.
2 I'M AN INVESTIGATOR WITH LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS. I WORK IN
3 FIGHTING ANIMAL CRUELTY AROUND THE WORLD. BRINGING THIS TO
4 YOUR ATTENTION, BECAUSE TWO YEARS AGO OUR ORGANIZATION WAS
5 INVESTIGATING PUPPY MILLS HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WE
6 DISCOVERED ABOUT 10 FACILITIES, SOME OF THEM LARGE-SCALE IN
7 THE LITTLE ROCK AREA GROWING DOGS IN A PUPPY MILL-TYPE
8 SITUATION. LEGALLY OPERATING AT THE TIME BECAUSE OF THE LAX
9 AWS AND THE LOOPHOLES THAT ALLOWED THEM TO FLOURISH. ONE OF
10 THE WORLD KENNEL AFTER OUR INVESTIGATION BROKE WAS
11 INVESTIGATED BY THE D.A.C.C. AND THEY WERE ORDERED TO REDUCE
12 THE NUMBER OF DOGS THAT THEY HAD AT THEIR FACILITY BY OVER
13 300. OUR GROUP AND BEST FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS RESCUED ABOUT 60
14 OF THOSE DOGS, THE BULK OF WHICH HAD NEVER WALKED ON GRASS,
15 HAD BEEN CONTAINED IN THIS FACILITY MOST OF THEIR LIVES, AND
16 MANY WERE IN BAD SHAPE. AT THE TIME COUNTY SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH STATED TO A REPORTER WHO WAS LOOKING INTO THE CASE
18 THAT HE WANTED THIS PHENOMENON IN HIS DISTRICT ERADICATED. AND
19 WITH THAT MANDATE, BEST FRIENDS AND LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS
20 WORKED WITH A TASKFORCE COMPRISED OF COUNTY PLANNING, THE
21 D.A.C.C., REPRESENTATIVES FROM MR. ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE AND
22 COUNTY ATTORNEYS TO DRAFT A NEW ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE
23 ISSUE. THIS ORDINANCE IS ALMOST READY TO BE PRESENTED TO THIS
24 BOARD AFTER THIS TWO-YEAR PERIOD. HOWEVER, AS IT'S WRITTEN, WE
25 THINK THAT IT PROVIDES AN EASY, STILL, LOOPHOLE FOR BREEDERS



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1 WHO HAVE UP TO 180 DOGS IN THEIR FACILITIES TO CONTINUE
2 BREEDING IN EFFECT IN THE SAME WAY THAT THEY'VE BEEN OPERATING
3 IN THE PAST IN REGARDS TO THESE PUPPY MILLS. THOUGH IT WILL BE
4 EASY TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS AND BASICALLY CONDUCT BUSINESS AS
5 USUAL. IF YOU VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS ORDINANCE IN ITS PRESENT
6 STATE, IRONICALLY, WE FEEL THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
7 BE SANCTIONING PUPPY MILLS HERE IN THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE
8 WORLD, IN THE MOST PROGRESSIVE STATE IN THE COUNTRY. SO WE
9 JUST WANTED TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION AND URGE YOU TO
10 TAKE A VERY CLOSE LOOK AT THIS ORDINANCE IF IT'S DELIVERED IN
11 ITS PRESENT FORM BEFORE VOTING ON IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR SUGGESTIVE LANGUAGE? I DON'T SEE
14 IT IN YOUR LETTER HERE.

15

16 **MARK GOFF:** WELL THE LANGUAGE --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU GET IT, SUBMIT IT TO US.

19

20 **ELIZABETH ORECK:** YOU SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL
21 ORDINANCE WITH THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGES IN YOUR FOLDER.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LORI HAS IT FROM MY STAFF HAS THAT
24 INFORMATION?

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1 **ELIZABETH ORECK:** I HOPE SO. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY
2 WITH YOUR DEPUTIES. WITH THE NEW CHANGES IN THERE.

3

4 **MARK GOFF:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **ELIZABETH ORECK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH ORECK AND I AM THE
8 CAMPAIGN AMERICA FOR BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY'S NATIONAL
9 PUPPY MILL CAMPAIGN. WE, ALONG WITH LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS,
10 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO CRAFT A
11 COMMERCIAL BREEDING ORDINANCE THAT IS FAIR AND EFFECTIVE AND
12 WILL SERVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S INSPIRING PLEDGE TO RID
13 PUPPY MILLS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE CURRENT BREEDING
14 REGULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE 1970S. IN THE
15 MEANWHILE, PUPPY MILLS HAVE BEEN STEADILY CROPPING UP RIGHT
16 HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. THEREFORE, A NEW ORDINANCE IS
17 CRITICAL TO ADDRESS THE HANDFUL OF LARGE-SCALE, HIGH VOLUME
18 COMMERCIAL BREEDERS WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PET
19 OVERPOPULATION CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES, TO THE HIGH EUTHANASIA
20 RATES IN OUR SHELTERS AND TO THE BURDEN ON OUR TAXPAYERS TO
21 SUBSIDIZE THE HOUSING AND DESTROYING OF THOUSANDS OF HEALTHY
22 ADOPTABLE ANIMALS EVERY YEAR. THIS SITUATION IS COMPLETELY OUT
23 OF CONTROL. AND THE ONLY WAY TO ADDRESS IT IS THROUGH BETTER
24 REGULATIONS AND BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE REGULATIONS. RIGHT
25 NOW, THERE ARE ONLY A FEW PUPPY MILLS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,



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1 SO IT'S STILL A MANAGEABLE SITUATION IF WE PASS A MEANINGFUL,
2 IMPACTFUL ORDINANCE. AND THE DRAFT WE HAVE BEEN COLLABORATING
3 ON WOULD HAVE DONE THAT. HOWEVER, THE ORDINANCE HAS RECENTLY
4 BEEN REVISED TO INCORPORATE SOME VERY UNFORTUNATE CHANGES THAT
5 DO NOTHING MORE THAN, AS MARK SAYS, SANCTION IRRESPONSIBLE
6 BREEDING. NOW, THE D.A.C.C. HAS INITIATED SOME PUBLIC MEETINGS
7 TO SOLICIT PUBLIC FEEDBACK. SO WE'RE HOPING THAT THIS NEW
8 DRAFT WILL BE TOSSED OUT BEFORE IT COMES TO YOU FOR A VOTE SO
9 THAT WHAT YOU CAN PASS IS AN EFFECTIVE ORDINANCE THAT WILL
10 ADDRESS THE PUPPY MILL CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY, JUST AS 20 U.S.
11 STATES INCLUDING CALIFORNIA HAVE PASSED OR PROPOSED SIMILAR
12 ORDINANCES. YOU HAVE A PACKET OF INFORMATION IN FRONT OF YOU.
13 I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GO THROUGH IT. IT CONTAINS
14 THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE THAT WE HAD WRITTEN WITH OUR ATTORNEYS
15 AND WITH YOUR ATTORNEYS, AND IT ALSO SHOWS THE NEW CHANGES
16 THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED, WHICH INCLUDE THINGS LIKE NO LIMITS
17 ON THE NUMBER OF DOGS A PERSON CAN HAVE, NO LIMITS TO THE
18 NUMBER OF LITTERS THAT THEY CAN PRODUCE, WIRE-FLOORED CAGES,
19 THE CAGES HAVE GOTTEN SMALLER, STACKING. ALL THE THINGS WE TRY
20 TO ELIMINATE WHEN WE'RE ADDRESSING THE PUPPY MILL CRISIS, ALL
21 OF THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY ADDED TO THIS NEW ORDINANCE
22 THAT WE'VE WRITTEN. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT. CONTACT US IF
23 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU AS WE
24 HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND WE WANT TO BE AN



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1 ALLY OF THE COUNTY AND SEE THE COUNTY DO THE RIGHT THING.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **JEN WOODARD:** MY NAME IS JEN WOODARD. I'M ALSO WITH THE BEST
5 FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY. I AM THE LOS ANGELES PROGRAMS MANAGER
6 AND I WORK WITH ELIZABETH ORECK. AND I WANTED TO VOICE MY
7 CONCERNS, AS WELL, ABOUT THE ORDINANCE AS IT'S CURRENTLY-- IN
8 ITS CURRENT STATE. I FEEL IT NOT ONLY ALLOWS FOR LARGE-SCALE
9 COMMERCIAL BREEDING FACILITIES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PUPPY
10 MILLS, TO CONTINUE, BUT IT OPENS THE DOOR FOR MORE TO CROP UP.
11 IN FACT, IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE THIS HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSION
12 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE PUPPY MILLS THAT
13 HAVE STARTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M A FORMER SHELTER
14 MANAGER. AND I'M ALSO FROM THE EAST COAST. AND THE PUPPY MILL
15 SITUATION IS NOT ISOLATED TO JUST CALIFORNIA, BUT I THINK IF
16 YOU ASK MOST PEOPLE WHERE THEY THINK THE WORST SITUATION IS,
17 THEY WILL DEFINITELY POINT TO THE MIDWEST OR SAY IT'S NOT IN
18 THEIR COMMUNITY. MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE THAT THERE
19 ARE PUPPY MILLS IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS A FORMER SHELTER
20 MANAGER, I'M REALLY SADDENED TO SEE ALL OF THE THOUSANDS OF
21 ANIMALS THAT ARE EUTHANIZED STILL IN THE L.A. COUNTY SHELTERS.
22 AND THIS WILL ONLY CONTINUE AS PUPPY MILLS CONTINUE TO PUMP
23 OUT THOUSANDS OF DOGS TO AN ALREADY SATURATED POPULATION HERE
24 IN LOS ANGELES. I WORK REGULARLY WITH THE BALDWIN PARK
25 SHELTER. I'M WITH THE PROGRAM THAT BEST FRIENDS RUNS TO TAKE



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1 SMALL DOGS OUT OF THAT FACILITY AND TAKE THEM TO OTHER AREAS
2 OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THERE IS A VOID IN SMALL DOGS. BUT THERE
3 ARE JUST AS MANY SMALL DOGS COMING RIGHT BEHIND THEM. AND IN
4 FACT, ACTUALLY A WEEK AGO, WE SAW 30 LITTLE DOGS WAITING TO
5 DIE. THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THEM OTHER THAN THEY WERE
6 OUT OF SPACE. THESE WERE PUPPIES, CHIHUAHUAS, PERFECTLY
7 HEALTHY DOGS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT THAT DAY. AND THAT'S
8 ACTUALLY, SADLY, A DAILY OCCURRENCE IN THAT SHELTER AND I'M
9 SURE IT'S THE SAME IN MOST OF THE COUNTY SHELTERS. IF YOU ASK
10 PEOPLE WHO KNOW, THEY DON'T THINK THAT THERE ARE PUPPY MILLS
11 IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IN SUCH A FORWARD-
12 THINKING CITY, THAT UNDER THIS CURRENT DRAFT OF THE ORDINANCE,
13 PUPPY MILLS WOULD NOT ONLY BE ALLOWED BUT THEY'D ALSO BE
14 DEEMED LEGAL. AND I ALSO ASK YOU TO JUST PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU
15 UNDERSTAND THE FACTS AND READ IT BEFORE YOU VOTE ON THIS.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD WE HAVE DAVID SERRANO AS
19 WELL AS CLAUDIA WILKINS JOIN US?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ASK IF WE COULD DIRECT THE
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICE A TRANSCRIPT OF THOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS, THE
23 MATERIALS TO THE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL SO THAT THEY CAN
24 HAVE THAT INFORMATION BEFORE THEY SUBMIT THEIR ORDINANCE TO
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. IS MISS WILKINS HERE? IS MISS
3 WILKINS HERE? SHE'S NOT HERE. ALL RIGHT. MISS FLORES?

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5 **ARACELI FLORES (VIA INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.
6 MY NAME IS ARACELI FLORES. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU IF ANYTHING HAS
7 CHANGED AS FAR AS LAWS IN REFERENCE TO PUT BUSINESSES IN
8 GARAGES. I HAVE A PROBLEM WHERE I LIVE. SOMEONE HAS BEEN
9 CONDUCTING A BUSINESS IN A GARAGE. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE A
10 LICENSE. BUT THERE'S ALWAYS PEOPLE COMING TO THAT BUSINESS.
11 THEY DO EXERCISES. THE GARAGE IS OPEN. AND YOU COULD SEE
12 EVERYTHING FROM THE STREET. THEY COME BY TO BUY THINGS THAT
13 SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. IT IS VERY-- AND ALL THE TRAFFIC
14 GOING ON WITH CARS AROUND THERE. THE NOISE THAT THEY MAKE AT
15 THE GARAGE. I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN PALMDALE FOR 22 YEARS. I'VE
16 BEEN HAPPY THERE UP TO NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF THE LAWS HAVE
17 CHANGED OR CODES. IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A LAW IN GARAGES TO
18 BE CONVERTED INTO BUSINESSES. I HAVE TALKED TO THREE DIFFERENT
19 OFFICIALS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NOBODY LISTENS TO ME. I
20 TALKED TO THE SUPERVISOR FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HE WAS EVEN
21 WORSE. I CAME OUT OF THERE DISAPPOINTED

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

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25 **ARACELI FLORES:** (SPANISH).



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2 **INTERPRETER:** YOU HAVE TO DO IT A LITTLE SLOWER. IT IS VERY
3 ANNOYING, THAT SITUATION, IT REALLY IS. NINE TO TEN.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

6

7 **INTERPRETER:** PLEASE LET ME TRANSLATE FOR YOU. A LITTLE
8 NERVOUS. I'M JUST VERY NERVOUS AND I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT
9 NOBODY LISTENS TO ME. IN PALMDALE. I HAVE THE BUSINESS CARDS
10 OF THE OFFICIALS FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SENORA FLORES (IN SPANISH). STEP OVER HERE
13 AND SPEAK TO SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. NOVAK IS RIGHT BEHIND YOU, HE'LL ASSIST
16 YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.

17

18 **ARACELI FLORES:** GRACIAS, MR. ANTONOVICH. I'M SORRY ABOUT MY
19 NERVOUS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GRACIAS, SENORA. THEY WILL HELP YOU. IF WE
22 COULD ALSO HAVE ARNOLD SACHS JOIN US, WALTER BECKTEL AND
23 REVEREND C.R. TILLMAN. MR. SERRANO?

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1 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST CREATED HEAVEN AND
2 EARTH, AMEN. JOHN 1:1-3. IN THE APOCALYPSE THE HOLY BIBLE
3 PROPHESED THAT IN THE MONTH OF MAY AN APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE,
4 WHICH WILL BE THE BIGGEST EARTHQUAKE SINCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON
5 EARTH, WILL HAPPEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON THE SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS FAULT. THE HOLY BIBLICAL PROPHECY ABOUT
7 THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN
8 ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY IS APOCALYPSE 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 AND
9 6:12 WHICH ARE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SAME APOCALYPTIC
10 EARTHQUAKE WHILE COLLECTIVELY THEY DESCRIBE THIS CATACLASMIC
11 TECTONIC EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. APOCALYPSE 8 SAYS WHEN THE
12 LAMB OPENED THE SEVENTH SEAL THERE WAS SILENCE IN HEAVEN FOR
13 ABOUT HALF AN HOUR. IN HUMAN TIME THERE ARE 24 HOURS IN A DAY,
14 60 MINUTES IN AN HOUR AND 60 SECONDS IN A MINUTE AND THIS IS
15 AS OLD AS ANCIENT BABYLON. TODAY ON THE FACE OF A CLOCK THERE
16 ARE 12 HOURS WHILE THERE ARE 12 MONTHS IN A YEAR. ABOUT HALF
17 AN HOUR IS THE MINUTE HAND ON THE 5. MAY IS THE FIFTH MONTH
18 AND WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS IN MAY, A VOLCANIC
19 ERUPTION WILL HAPPEN AND THERE WILL BE A GIANT STORM OVER
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT DROPS HEAVY HAIL. THE APOCALYPTIC
21 EARTHQUAKE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
22 SAN ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY WILL BE THE BIGGEST EARTHQUAKE SINCE
23 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON EARTH. WHOLE COMMUNITIES OF THE SANTA
24 MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL BE DESTROYED FROM MALIBU TO PACIFIC
25 PALISADES TO BELAIR TO LARGE AREAS OF ENCINO AND THE HOLLYWOOD



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1 HILLS WILL BE COMPLETELY DESTROYED. THERE WILL BE CATACLASMIC
2 LANDSLIDES THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL AND SAN BERNARDINO
3 MOUNTAINS AND THE THESE WILL MAKE THE 2005 LA CONCHITA
4 LANDSLIDE IN VENTURA COUNTY CALIFORNIA LOOK SMALL IN
5 COMPARISON. THE STARS OF HOLLYWOOD FALL FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH,
6 WHILE THE FIG TREE DROPPING ITS UNRIPE FRUIT REPRESENTS THE
7 BIG JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THEY
8 FALL, TOO. WHEN THE AN APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS ON THE
9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY, THERE WILL BE
10 METERS AND METERS AND METERS OF HORIZONTAL DISPLACEMENT THUS
11 THE SAN GABRIEL, SANTA MONICA AND SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS
12 WILL BE MOVED OUT OF PLACE. THERE WILL BE COLOSSAL DESTRUCTION
13 THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE CITIES OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND
14 THERE WILL BE MASSIVE DESTRUCTION THROUGHOUT THE CITIES BUILT
15 UPON THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND SAN BERNARDINO
16 MOUNTAINS. WHOLE COMMUNITIES BUILT ON VERDUGO MOUNTAIN WILL BE
17 DESTROYED AND THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST
18 WILL BE MOVED OUT OF PLACE. A VOLCANIC ERUPTION WILL HAPPEN
19 WITH THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE AND THERE WILL BE A GIANT
20 STORM OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT WILL DROP HEAVY HAIL
21 ESPECIALLY IN THE L.A. BASIN. L.A. COUNTY WILL HAVE NO
22 ELECTRICITY AND NO WATER. BRIDGES WILL BE DESTROYED AND
23 FREEWAYS WILL BE IMPASSABLE. IN THE HIGH DESERT NEAR PALMDALE.
24 THE CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT WILL BE DESTROYED AND LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY WILL BE IN THE DARK ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT BECAUSE THE



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1 GIANT STORM AND THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION WILL BLOCK OUT THE
2 SUNLIGHT AND THE MOONLIGHT AND THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRICITY.
3 GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH, AMEN.
4 JESUS IS THE JUDGE ON THE GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY, AMEN. GOD
5 BLESS YOU ALL.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS?

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9 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS? IS MR. TILLMAN NOT HERE? I'VE
12 CALLED MR. TILLMAN. MR. SACHS?

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD
15 SACHS. YOU KNOW, UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NO METRO BOARD
16 MEETINGS THIS MONTH, BUT I WAS GOING TO QUESTION THE BOARD
17 BECAUSE I DO HAVE A CALENDAR. AND ON IT IT STATES THAT THE
18 METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY IS
19 GOING TO BE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY THE 25TH. AND I WAS WONDERING
20 WHY THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
21 WAS GOING TO BE MEETING UNTIL THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER JUST SPOKE
22 AND NOW I KNOW WHY, WITH ALL THE DESTRUCTION THAT'S GOING TO
23 BE COMING THIS WAY. BUT, AGAIN, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE ON
24 THEIR AGENDA AND WHO'S GOING TO GO? WHICH ONE OF THE
25 SUPERVISORS, THE FIFTH DISTRICT OR YOUR DISTRICT, MISS MOLINA,



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1 WILL ATTEND THIS CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY CONSIDERING THAT BACK
2 IN MARCH, THE M.T.A. BOARD IN ITS WISDOM GAVE \$640 MILLION TO
3 THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD
4 BE ON THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY'S AGENDA? NEVER
5 MIND THE FACT WHO'S PAYING THOSE EMPLOYEES BECAUSE YOU JUST
6 RAISED THE BUS FARES UP TO \$1.50, RAISING IT A QUARTER. WHY
7 I'M BEING FORCED TO PAY MORE MONEY FOR A MONTHLY BUS PASS
8 WHILE YOU'RE PAYING EMPLOYEES TO WORK ON THE GOLD LINE
9 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND YOU'RE GIVING THE MONEY TO THE BLUE
10 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. I KNOW, OPEN AND TRANSPARENCY.
11 BUT THAT'S NOT EVEN THE BIG NEWS. THE BIG NEWS WAS IN THE
12 DAILY BREEZE ON SUNDAY. THE M.T.A. FARE HE EVASION FIGHT
13 STALLS AT THE GATE. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE REGARDING THE TAP
14 CARD AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE GATING. THAT'S A MARVELOUS
15 STORY. IN IT, IT STATES THAT METRO HOPES TO ELIMINATE PAPER
16 FARES WITHOUT-- IT SAYS AND THIS WAS WRITTEN BY TROY ANDERSON,
17 A STAFF WRITER-- IT SAYS, EVERY RIDER USING A TAP CARD,
18 WITHOUT EVERY RIDER USING A TAP CARD, THE NEW TURN STYLES
19 CANNOT BE SET TO LOCK BECAUSE THEY WILL STILL BE USING PAPER
20 PASSES BECAUSE THOSE RIDERS USING PAPER PASSES WILL BE LOCKED
21 OUT. IT ALSO STATED THAT THIS TAP CARD PROGRAM WAS ORIGINALLY
22 INITIATED BACK IN 1997. FURTHERMORE, IT SAYS IN THE ARTICLE
23 EARLIER THIS MONTH, METRO FINISHED INSTALLING 379 TURNSTILE
24 FARE GATES DESIGNED TO WORK WITH THE TAP CARD AT ITS SUBWAY
25 STATION AND HALF ITS LIGHT RAIL STATIONS. THE REST OF THE



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1 LIGHT RAIL STATIONS, HOWEVER, WILL NOT HAVE THE TURNSTILES
2 BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CONFIGURED TO FIT THEM. SO IF SOME LIGHT
3 RAIL STATIONS DON'T HAVE TAP CARD CONFIGURATION, HOW THE HELL
4 WILL YOU ELIMINATE PAPER PASSES? AND HOW THE HELL WILL THIS
5 TAP CARD PROGRAM BE SUCCESSFUL THROUGHOUT METRO? COUNTING THE
6 STATIONS, YOU HAVE LIKE 50 STATIONS. AND SINCE THIS PROGRAM
7 WAS INITIATED IN 1997, THAT WOULD EXCLUDE THE GOLD LINE,
8 BECAUSE THAT WAS BUILT AFTER THAT. THAT WOULD EXCLUDE THE
9 ORANGE LINE BECAUSE THAT WAS BUILT AFTER THAT. THAT WOULD
10 EXCLUDE THE EAST SIDE EXTENSION BECAUSE THAT WAS BUILT AFTER
11 THAT. SO THE STATIONS THAT DON'T HAVE THE TAP CARD INSTALLED,
12 THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE GREEN LINE AND THE BLUE LINE. WHICH
13 STATIONS DON'T HAVE THE INSTALLATIONS? AND AGAIN, HOW CAN THE
14 STATIONS NOT ACCOMMODATE THE TAP CARD? HOW CAN YOU CONSIDER
15 THIS PROGRAM? BY THE WAY, THEY SAID 154 MILLION. WE KNOW IT'S
16 171 MILLION. HOW CAN YOU CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM TO BE
17 SUCCESSFUL IF YOU DON'T HAVE ALL THE STATIONS ON BOARD? NEVER
18 MIND THE OPERATORS. HOW CAN THAT BE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL?
19 WHO'S LEADING THIS HUMPTY DUMPTY PROGRAM AT M.T.A.?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS, THAT'S ENOUGH.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** CERTAINLY IT IS.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOW WE HAVE MR. BECKTEL.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, IT'S NOT QUITE ENOUGH, MADAME CHAIR. NOT
3 QUITE ENOUGH AT ALL.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. BECKTEL?

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7 **WALTER BECKTEL:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I
8 JUST WANTED TO COME BACK. NOW THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE YOU
9 ASKED ME ABOUT AN ADDRESS? AND I WENT OVER SOME OF THE THINGS
10 I HAD SAID. I HAD GIVEN YOU SEVERAL ADDRESSES. AGAIN, THAT WAS
11 A MISTAKE? BECAUSE I GAVE YOU AN ADDRESS OF A HOTEL.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MY MISTAKE, SIR.

14

15 **WALTER BECKTEL:** IT WAS YOUR MISTAKE. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY
16 THAT JUST ONCE AND FOR ALL. ALSO I WANTED TO SAY IF YOU'RE
17 GOING TO DO ANY INVESTIGATION ABOUT SOME ABUSE OR SOMETHING,
18 I'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
19 HEALTH AND YOU'VE GOT TO NOT-- YOU'VE GOT TO INVESTIGATE
20 ANYTHING LIKE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO EVEN A PERSON THAT IS
21 A VICTIM BECAUSE THERE WAS A TIME THERE WHERE WE HAD A LOT OF
22 PROBLEM WITH SOME OF THE DOCTORS WHO WERE ADMINISTRATING
23 PSYCHOTROPICS THAT GENERALLY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ILLEGAL NOW,
24 ALTHOUGH I THINK A COUPLE OF PEOPLE STILL WANT TO USE THEM FOR
25 SOME REASON, I DON'T KNOW. AND ONE OF THE DOCTORS WAS EVEN



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1 PROSECUTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I THINK HE'S STILL IN
2 JAIL. BUT HIS SUBORDINATES ARE STILL OUT THERE ADMINISTRATING
3 DRUGS ANY WAY THEY FEEL LIKE. SO IF YOU ARE CONDUCTING AN
4 INVESTIGATION ABOUT SOMETHING, YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE SURE YOU
5 FIND OUT ABOUT IF THERE WAS ANY DRUGS EVEN ADMINISTERED TO A
6 VICTIM, WHOEVER THAT VICTIM MIGHT BE, BECAUSE THE DRUGS
7 THEMSELVES, WHEN YOU ADMINISTER THEM, AND THEN YOU SUDDENLY
8 TAKE THE PATIENT OFF THE DRUG CAN HAVE KIND OF LIKE A RUBBER
9 BAND EFFECT AND CREATE A SUICIDAL TENDENCY SITUATION. SO IF
10 YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE ALL THE PAPERWORK, FINE. BUT I THINK
11 THAT IF IT DOESN'T INCLUDE AN INVESTIGATION OF ANY KIND OF
12 DRUGS THAT WERE ADMINISTERED, EVEN IF THE PATIENT WAS A
13 VICTIM, THEN THAT'S NOT A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION. YOU SHOULD
14 INCLUDE INVESTIGATION OF EVERYTHING. BECAUSE WE HAD A REAL BAD
15 PROBLEM WITH A DOCTOR. HIS NAME WAS DR. WILLIAM L. I GUESS
16 I'LL JUST GIVE YOU THE FIRST LETTER OF HIS LAST NAME. AND IT'S
17 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECORDS. AND HE WAS PROSECUTED FOR
18 ADMINISTERING, LIBERALLY ADMINISTRATING PSYCHOTROPICS AND
19 OTHER DRUGS TO HIS PATIENTS, AND THEY PUT HIM IN JAIL. I THINK
20 HE'S STILL IN THE STATE LOCKUP. AND SO YOU SHOULD INQUIRE
21 ABOUT THE INCORRECT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DRUGS, BECAUSE SOME
22 OF THESE GUYS ARE REALLY ROTTEN EGGS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. TILLMAN? WE ALSO
2 HAVE JOHN WALSH, ASATOUR BAGHDASARIAN, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE
3 PRONUNCIATION. AND INGRID THOMAS.

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5 **REV. C.R. TILLMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND
6 MADAME CHAIRMAN, AND TO MY SUPERVISOR, MIKE ANTONOVICH. ALSO I
7 WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE MOST NEWEST MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, MR. THOMAS, SUPERVISOR THOMAS, AND ADDITIONALLY
9 THE COUNTY COUNSEL. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU HERE. I MET YOUR LAW
10 PARTNER. SHE SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF YOU. WAS VERY DELIGHTFUL
11 THAT YOU WERE SELECTED. I'M HERE ONCE AGAIN TO GIVE MY
12 GRATITUDE AND THANKS FOR THIS BOARD ALLOWING US TO HAVE A
13 REDEVELOPMENT BOARD IN ALTADENA. I DID FILE A CONCERN OR
14 OBJECTION, NOT TO THE ELECTION ITSELF, BUT JUST THAT WE ARE
15 THE EARS AND THE EYES FOR THE SUPERVISORS AND FOR THE C.D.C.
16 ABOUT WHAT GOES ON AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, AND I WANTED TO GIVE
17 YOU MY INPUT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOMEWHAT OF A
18 HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT CREATED DURING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN
19 ALTADENA AND THAT'S WHY THERE ARE AS MANY VOLUNTEERS COMING
20 FORWARD. YOU WON'T SEE THIS ON PAPER, BUT IT'S LIKE BEHIND THE
21 SCENES SOME OF THE THINGS THAT GO ON AND THE WAY WE ENCOURAGE
22 THEM TO RUN. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THAT. AND I
23 DID FILE A CONCERN. AND IF YOU COULD INVESTIGATE WHAT HAPPENED
24 TO IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT PART OF THE BOARD LETTERS THAT HASN'T
25 BEEN RESPONDED TO BUT I'M GIVING IT TO YOU IN PERSON,



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1 BASICALLY. I AM ALSO AWARE OF THE VOLUNTEER STATUS THAT THE
2 P.A.C. HAS. IT WAS EXTENDED FOR 20 YEARS. AND NORMALLY P.A.C.S
3 ARE ONLY LEGALLY OBLIGATED FOR THREE YEARS. SO WE ARE GRATEFUL
4 THAT WE STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INPUT INTO THE
5 DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO BE
6 OVERSHADOWED BY ANY CONCERNS THAT I HAVE. MY CONCERNS ARE ONLY
7 TO MAKE A PROCESS MORE VIABLE. AND MY CONCERNS ARE ONLY THAT
8 YOU KNOW WHAT GOES ON AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN CASE YOU DON'T
9 KNOW AND YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE PERSONALLY. BUT I DON'T
10 WANT TO LET THAT OVERSHADOW MY SINCERE GRATEFULNESS. AND I
11 THINK THE COMMUNITY GRATEFULNESS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE
12 P.A.C. FOR 20 YEARS AND FOR THE ABILITY TO HAVE OWNER
13 PARTICIPATION. LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK MY SUPERVISOR FOR THE
14 INPUT YOU'VE HAD WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
15 ORGANIZATIONS. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT OPEN LINE OF
16 COMMUNICATION IN YOUR PRESENCE. AND THEN LASTLY I WANT TO
17 THANK SHERIFF BACA FOR COMING TO MY CHURCH ON SUNDAY. AND I
18 WAS TRULY TOUCHED BY HIS WORDS. AND I'M SURE YOU MIGHT BE IF
19 YOU'RE ABLE TO SEE THE VIDEO OR HEAR WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE
20 CLERGY COUNCIL. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS HE SAID I'M GOING TO
21 LEAVE IT WITH YOU BECAUSE IT STILL BURNS IN MY HEART. HE SAID
22 WE WHO ARE COUNTY HEADS HAVE REAL, RAW POWER, AND IT SHOULD BE
23 USED FOR GOODNESS. AND HE LEFT US WITH THAT THOUGHT ON SUNDAY.
24 AND I LEAVE IT WITH YOU. HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR POWER FOR
25 GOODNESS? THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE MR. WALSH.

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4 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. AND
5 EMAIL US WITH DOCUMENTS AT HOLLYWOODDEMS@G-MAIL.COM. WE HAVE
6 ONE HALF MILLION SUCCESSFUL SERVER REQUESTS IN THE FIRST SIX
7 MONTHS AS OPPOSED TO ZEV'S DEBACLE ON HIS WEBSITE. I'M
8 BRINGING YOU FALSE I.D.S. I HOPE YOU CAN SEE THIS. THIS IS ALL
9 OVER L.A. THESE ARE ADVERTISEMENTS. I'M GIVING IT TO YOU, MR.
10 ANTONOVICH. THEY'RE ADVERTISEMENTS, THEY'RE ON OUR WEBSITE, GO
11 TO THEM. WHERE YOU CAN BUY CALIFORNIA I.D. IN 15 MINUTES. OH,
12 IT'S UNDERGROUND? HOW CAN WE FIND OUT? THERE'S A NAME. THERE'S
13 AN ADDRESS. THERE'S A PHONE NUMBER AND THERE'S A FALSE ID. ON
14 THE BACK IT SAYS 15 MINUTES YOU CAN GET INSURANCE, AUTO
15 INSURANCE DOCUMENTS. 15 MINUTES YOU CAN GET A DRIVER'S
16 LICENSE, MEXICAN DRIVER'S LICENSE. AND YOU CAN ALSO GET A
17 MEXICAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE. IT'S RIGHT HERE. I BROUGHT IT TO
18 THE L.A. TIMES. THEY SAID THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED. MAYBE THE
19 DAILY NEWS WILL BE INTERESTED. I'D LIKE YOU TO PASS THIS OVER
20 TO MR. ANTONOVICH. I KNOW THAT NOBODY GIVES A DAMN ABOUT THIS
21 EXCEPT ME. NOW, YOU KNOW 60 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AT THE RAVE
22 AT THE SPORTS ARENA FOR FALSE I.D.S. IT'S WHITE CHILDREN, NOT
23 ONLY UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. AND I NEVER USE THE TERM ILLEGAL
24 ALIENS. IT IS WHITE PEOPLE USING THIS AND DYING ON DRUGS, 60
25 PEOPLE. THEY WERE USING A SPECIAL HOLOGRAM MACHINE TO CATCH



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1 THEM. NOW, DID ANYONE KNOW ABOUT THIS? NO. NOW LET'S TALK
2 ABOUT THE STATUS. THIS IS A FEDERAL DOCUMENT I HAVE HERE FOR
3 YOUR TOLL LANES. YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE 110 AND THE
4 10 AND TURN THEM INTO TOLL LANES. NOW, HAS ANYBODY SEEN THIS
5 DOCUMENT? THIS IS THE LATEST ONE. WHAT DOES IT SAY? IT SAYS
6 THERE'S A NEED FOR A SCHEDULE EXTENSION AND THE PROJECT HAS
7 BEEN OPENING HAS BEEN POSTPONED 19 MONTHS FROM DECEMBER 31ST
8 2010 TO AUGUST 1ST, 2012. YOU HAVE FOUR MEMBERS HERE OF THE
9 M.T.A. BOARD. DID THEY TELL YOU ABOUT IT? NO. YOU WANT THE
10 DOCUMENT, I'LL GIVE YOU THE DOCUMENT. OH, SO NOW WE KNOW IF
11 THE PROJECT IS BEHIND SCHEDULE. IT'S OVER BUDGET. LATEST
12 ESTIMATES WE'RE TOLD INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENTS EXCEED
13 THE CURRENT APPROVED BUDGET. METRO WILL HAVE TO SECURE
14 ADDITIONAL MONEY. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND OUT IN THE TIMES.
15 THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT IS IN THE DAILY NEWS.
16 AND EVERYBODY KNOWS I BROUGHT THIS STORY TO YOU. AND EVERYBODY
17 KNOWS THAT I BROUGHT IT TO THE L.A. TIMES AND THEY WEREN'T
18 INTERESTED. AND EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE GATES FROM NOWHERE
19 THAT YOU SMIRKED AND LAUGHED WHEN I BROUGHT IT UP WHEN THERE
20 WAS NO CAMERA AND IT APPEARED IN THE L.A. TIMES. THANK YOU.
21 TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. IT'S OUR WHITE CHILDREN THAT ARE BUYING
22 THIS, MR. ANTONOVICH.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1 **JOHN WALSH:** SHE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN-- LET'S GET OUR WHITE
2 CHILDREN.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS THOMAS? WOULD YOU TAKE A SEAT UP HERE
5 BY A MICROPHONE AND JIM DIMOV? MR. BAGHDASARIAN--
6 BAGHDASARIAN. I APOLOGIZE FOR PRONOUNCING IT.

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8 **ASATOUR BAGHDASARIAN:** I AM NERVOUS. I HAVE SOME PROBLEM. MY
9 NAME IS ASATOUR BAGHDASARIAN, AND I AM DELIGHTFUL TO BE HERE.
10 IT IS FIRST TIME AND IT IS KIND OF DREAM. I HAD A HOUSE. I WAS
11 LIVING IN GLENDALE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. I BOUGHT THIS HOUSE
12 FOR 14 YEARS. AND THE MORTGAGE COMPANY THEY DID FRAUD AND I AM
13 FIGHTING FOR MY HOUSE. I FILE ALL THE ALL MY RIGHTS. I HAVE
14 CASE NUMBERS 10-C01452. AND JUDGE DOLE IS HANDLING ACTUALLY
15 CHECKING MY FILE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR MY SPEECH. AND I
16 APPEAL FOR WRIT AS A CASE NUMBER, DS-127941. JUDGE DOLE, HE IS
17 NOT HONORING REMOVAL OR JURISDICTION AND IS NOT HONORING
18 REMOVAL. THEN THEY WANT TO EVICT ME ON AUGUST 31ST. I WOULD
19 LIKE TO STAY IN MY HOUSE. AND THIS IS MY HOUSE. AND THIS IS MY
20 COUNTRY. THIS IS MY LAND. I'M AMERICAN-ARMENIAN DESCENT AND I
21 AM WORKING HARD. I WORK HARD TO BUY ONE HOUSE, LIVE WITH MY
22 FAMILY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE MY LIFE IN THIS HOUSE
23 BECAUSE THIS IS LIKE KIND OF GOD, NOT KIND OF, IT'S GOD GUIDE
24 ME TO THIS HOUSE BECAUSE I SEARCH FOR ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS
25 BEFORE I HAVE THE COMPLETE STORY. BEFORE I GO INSIDE THE



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1 HOUSE, I CHECK. I TOLD MY AGENT THIS IS MY HOUSE. JUST GIVE ME
2 OFFER, AND SHE SAID NO. COME LOOK INSIDE THE HOUSE. I SAID NO,
3 I DON'T NEED TO COME. JUST WRITE THE OFFER. SO I HAVE COMPLETE
4 STORY FROM BEGINNING HOW IT HAPPENED THIS. AND PLEASE ASK
5 PRESENTING JUDGE TO CHECK MY CASE AND SOLVE THIS PROBLEM,
6 PLEASE.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS OVER HERE TO HELP
11 YOU. MY DEPUTY'S WITH YOU.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS THOMAS?

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15 **INGRID THOMAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'VE BEEN HERE
16 BEFORE TO SEE YOU. I'M HERE AGAIN REGARDING AN ISSUE AT THE
17 CAL STATE LONG BEACH WALTER PYRAMID. AS MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD
18 ME SAY IN THE PAST, THE CAL STATE LONG BEACH WALTER PYRAMID
19 ORIGIN CAN BE TRACED TO THE GREAT PYRAMIDS BUILT ON THE
20 CONTINENT OF AFRICA. THAT MEANS THAT IT IS A SYMBOL OF THE
21 HERITAGE OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS LIVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 YET, OF ALL THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS, NONE HAVE RECEIVED NAMING
23 RIGHTS AT THE CAL STATE PYRAMID. NO CULTURAL EDUCATION
24 PROGRAMS NOR SIGNAGE EXISTS TO HELP AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS
25 CONNECT TO THEIR RICH HERITAGE VERSUS SLAVE HISTORY TAUGHT FOR



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1 CENTURIES. I SAY THAT'S A SHAME. BUT CAL STATE LONG BEACH SAYS
2 TODAY IS NOT TODAY-- NOT THE DAY TO ASK FOR A WAIVER FOR
3 AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAMS AND NAMING RIGHTS AT THE PYRAMID
4 BECAUSE CAL STATE LONG BEACH SAYS TODAY THERE IS A FISCAL
5 CRISIS. WELL, OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT THIS IS MERELY AN EXCUSE.
6 CAL STATE LONG BEACH REFUSED TO GRANT ME A WAIVER BEFORE THE
7 FISCAL CRISIS BACK IN FEBRUARY OF 2007. CAL STATE LONG BEACH
8 ALSO REFUSED TO GRANT MY CONSTITUENTS A WAIVER DURING 2007.
9 AND CAL STATE LONG BEACH ALSO REFUSED TO TELL AFRICAN-
10 AMERICANS THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EVEN HAD A
11 NAMING RIGHTS WAIVER POLICY. WHAT WAS MY CRIME THAT WE WERE
12 DENIED FULL AND EQUAL SERVICES? WAS IT THAT I HAD FILED A
13 PRIOR DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT OR OPPOSED DISCRIMINATORY
14 PRACTICES AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH? EITHER
15 WAY, CAL STATE LONG BEACH IS WRONG. THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW.
16 AND I BOUGHT THIS, TOO, TO SUPERVISORS HERE, BUT SO FAR
17 NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
18 TO SEND A LETTER VIA THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS
19 TO THE C.S.U. CHANCELLOR REED AND CAL STATE LONG BEACH
20 PRESIDENT F. ALEXANDER KING. THE CAL STATE LONG BEACH VICE
21 PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES DOUG ROBINSON REPLIED WITH
22 FALSE ALLEGATIONS AND SOURCES STATING, SHE IN CONCERT WITH A
23 LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, FEATURED A FRONT PAGE
24 ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT THE UNIVERSITY'S FORMER PRESIDENT, ROBIN
25 MAXIM, WAS RACIST. BUT I GAVE THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF MARK



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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS ALSO YOUR EDUCATION DIRECTOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
2 THE ARTICLE. THE WORD RACIST DOES NOT APPEAR, NOR IS THERE A
3 QUOTE BY ME IN THE ARTICLE. THE ARTICLE REVEALS CAL STATE LONG
4 BEACH'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM, HERITAGE
5 PROGRAM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THIS
6 AND HELP US RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. DIMOV?

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10 **JIM DIMOV:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MY
11 CASE AGAIN ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. LAST TIME
12 SHE BEGAN TO COMMENT, OR YOU, GLORIA MOLINA, BEGAN TO COMMENT
13 THAT YOU TOLD ME THAT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT I
14 DON'T KNOW ACTUALLY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. MY TAXES HAVE
15 BEEN INCREASED SINCE 1988 60 TIMES. I HAVE PAID MORE THAN
16 \$200,000 ILLEGAL TAXES COLLECTED FROM ME AND THE TAX COLLECTOR
17 LITERALLY TURNED ME INTO A SLAVE. I HAVE TO WORK UP TO 20
18 HOURS A DAY TO RAISE FOUR CHILDREN TO BRING THEM TO COLLEGE
19 AND TO PUT MONEY IN THE BOTTOMLESS PIT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR.
20 AND I ATTEMPTED MANY TIMES TO GET MY MONEY. I COULD NOT. AND I
21 BELIEVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO IS RIGHT NOW HERE, ANDREA
22 ORDIN I BELIEVE IS HER NAME, SHE SHOULD LOOK AT MY CASE, AND
23 GLORIA MOLINA SHOULD NOT CLOSE MY CASE. GLORIA MOLINA, YOU
24 TURNED ME INTO A SLAVE. THIS CASE HAS BEEN WITH YOU FOR NINE
25 YEARS. AND YOU RESPONDED IN WRITING. I HAVE THAT. I HAVE GIVEN



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1 THAT PAPERWORK THAT MY CASE HAS BEEN SETTLED DOWN, THAT ALL MY
2 TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY A LIE.
3 AND THAT'S NOT FAIR. THE FACT THAT YOU BELONG TO THE SLAVERY
4 PART OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY SLAVERY PARTY DOES NOT MEAN YOU
5 HAVE TO ENSLAVE ME ALSO. AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY
6 RELEASE MY MONEY. DON'T TURN YOUR HEAD AWAY NOW. LISTEN,
7 PLEASE. THIS IS NOT A COMMUNIST COUNTRY. THIS IS A FREE
8 COUNTRY. AND YOU ENSLAVE ME IN THE FREE COUNTRY OF AMERICA.
9 AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS, ALL OF YOU
10 SUPERVISORS. MY CASE HAS BEEN WITH ZEV YAROSLAVSKY FOR EIGHT
11 YEARS. HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING. FOR FOUR YEARS WITH MY PRESENT
12 SUPERVISOR, MIKE ANTONOVICH HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING, EITHER.
13 THAT'S NOT FAIR. YOU ARE SOUND ASLEEP WITH YOUR FAT SALARIES
14 AND THE PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING. THEY'RE UNEMPLOYED. AND I HAVE
15 GIVEN YOU MY AGENDA. YOU DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION. EVERYBODY WILL
16 BE SELF-EMPLOYED AND WILL HAVE PUT AN END TO ALL THE SUFFERING
17 OF THE PEOPLE. LOOK AT MY AGENDA. THAT'S NOT FAIR. YOU'RE
18 JUST-- AND THIS IS NOT FAIR. AND YOU SHOULD BE ARRESTED, ALL
19 OF YOU. THAT'S A CRIMINAL ACT WHAT YOU'RE DOING AGAINST THE
20 PEOPLE. YOU DO NOT REPRESENT ANYBODY BUT YOUR FAT SALARIES. I
21 FINISHED.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. DIMOV.

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25 **JIM DIMOV:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I HOPE YOU RESPOND.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. DIMOV. ALL RIGHT. THAT
3 CONCLUDES ALL OF PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL ASK OUR EXECUTIVE--

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I'VE BEEN TOLD BY COUNTY COUNSEL
6 THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS THE RETIREMENT OF OUR
7 SUPERINTENDENT. IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION LATE FRIDAY EVENING.
8 IS THERE A WAY THAT WE CAN DECLARE URGENCY WITHOUT-- SHE SAID
9 IT'S NOT POSTED OR SOMETHING, I MEAN, I ALWAYS THOUGHT WE HAD
10 DEPARTMENT HEAD ISSUES. BUT I THINK WE SHOULD--

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE TWO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SOMEHOW WE
13 NEED TO GET THE PROCESS MOVING SO THAT WE HAVE A CONTINUATION
14 IN SERVICE.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. BUT I DO THINK-- I WAS PLANNING ON
17 PLACING THAT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR BOTH?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE NEED TO GET THAT CLARIFIED. IT'S RIDICULOUS
24 THAT WE CAN'T BE ABLE TO--

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY ON DEPARTMENT HEADS DO YOU HAVE TO PUT
2 THAT ON THE AGENDA WHEN YOU HAVE A VACANCY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
3 WHY --

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, I'M NOT IN CHARGE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S FINE. WE'LL PUT IT ON NEXT WEEK. PROBABLY
8 FOR THE ONE YOU CAN'T BUT THE OTHER YOU COULD.

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10 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY MOTION CAME IN
11 FOR PUBLIC SECTION AND WE'RE JUST CHECKING IF WE COULD HAVE AN
12 URGENCY MOTION TO CLOSE AND GO FOR A PERSONNEL MATTER. AND
13 PERHAPS SACHI ALREADY KNOWS, BUT OTHER THAN THAT I'M CHECKING
14 RIGHT NOW.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I'D DEFER TO LEGAL COUNSEL ON THIS.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S RIDICULOUS WE CAN'T GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.
19 BUT, ANYWAY, WE'LL DO IT NEXT WEEK CLOSED SESSION? ALL RIGHT,
20 THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT WE WILL GO INTO
23 CLOSED SESSION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,
4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION
5 AND ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
6 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
7 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON AUGUST 24, 2010**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Pearl
7 Livermore v. County of Los Angeles, et.al., Los Angeles
8 Superior Court Case No. GC040583.

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10 This lawsuit arises from an accident at Charles S. Farnsworth
11 Park.

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13 The Board authorized County Counsel to file a petition for
14 review with the California Supreme Court. The vote of the
15 Board was unanimous with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas being
16 absent.

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18 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
19 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
20 Initiation of Litigation (one case) (10-1909)

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22 The Board authorized the County to file a petition for writ of
23 mandate challenging the decision in Civil Service Commission
24 Case No. 07-408.



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1 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
2 present.

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